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Section 17
Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

(Programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005)

Overview

17.1 The programme of work under this section has been elaborated within the framework of programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1), which identifies three major themes: (a) promoting regional economic cooperation; (b) alleviating poverty in rural and urban areas; and (c) protecting the environment, improving the management of natural resources and focusing on the development of infrastructure and information systems. It will be implemented by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

17.2 The overall objective of the programme is to promote the economic and social development of member and associate member countries and areas in Asia and the Pacific. Specifically, it will assist them to respond more effectively and efficiently to the rapidly changing situation in the world and thus contribute to sustained economic growth and sustainable and equitable development in the region. The programme will reinforce national capacities to take advantage of the challenges and opportunities presented by globalization, liberalization and information technology.

17.3 In pursuit of the objectives, the major themes and the focus areas identified in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, the programme for the biennium 2002-2003 embodies the ESCAP vision towards 2005 in seven interdependent and complementary subprogrammes, gearing its activities towards the alleviation of poverty; the reinforcement of the weakening positions of developing countries arising from the process of globalization; and detection and addressing of emerging economic and social problems and issues in the region. In doing so, it emphasizes the use of information technology.

17.4 The programme will emphasize the environmental implications of socio-economic development, identify emerging problems and issues associated with it and formulate policy recommendations for consideration and implementation by member countries for sustainable economic and social growth in the region. This will be achieved, taking into consideration the decisions and recommendations arising from the global conferences and mandates, especially the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the International Conference on Population and Development, the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island States, and the related follow-up actions required of the regional commissions by the General Assembly. Research on and analysis of emerging economic and social problems, gender issues and poverty characteristics will be undertaken in cooperation with the relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, and other international organizations, and through information technology applications.

17.5 The programme will closely coordinate and take action at the regional level in pursuance of the outcomes of the tenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held at Bangkok from 12 to 19 February 2000, and the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, scheduled for 2002, to promote the development of trade and other trade-related issues, such as investment, industry, technology and transport services. Particular attention will be given to the needs of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, as well as countries with economies in transition, to support their national efforts in mainstreaming into a globalized world.

17.6 Mindful of the fact that the Asian and Pacific region has two thirds of the world's population living under the absolute poverty level and the imperative of integrating environmental considerations into economic and social development, the programme will highlight a stronger poverty alleviation thrust, particularly in the areas of social development, population and rural and urban development, and environmental and natural resources management. In these areas, the programme will promote vigorously the replication of best practices in poverty alleviation in the region; the empowerment of the poor, women, youth, disabled persons and older persons; and the wider participation of non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector in negotiations and policy formulations. It will coordinate closely with the work of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, particularly in the implementation of activities related to financing for development, environment, water and energy resources and gender-mainstreaming.

17.7 The advent and acceptance of globalization has made the issue of infrastructure development an interregional priority. The programme will aim to further promote the development of the land transport connections throughout all the countries in Asia, including the Korean Peninsula and the Tumen River areas, and between the rest of Asia and Europe. Interregional cooperation related to transport will be pursued in close cooperation with the other regional commissions, particularly the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

17.8 To further strengthen inter-agency collaboration, ESCAP will play a proactive role in the Regional Coordination Meeting and its 10 thematic working groups, which are given issue-oriented and time-bound tasks for the formulation and implementation of joint programmes and activities. The programme will continue to promote inter-subregional cooperation through the annual meetings of heads of subregional organizations and ESCAP. Similarly, ESCAP will closely coordinate with ECE for the implementation of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA).

17.9 The programme will be complemented by the work of three regional institutions subsidiary to ESCAP, which specialize in the fields of technology transfer, training of official statisticians, and agricultural research and human resources development.

17.10 For the biennium 2002-2003, the programme will also establish procedures for systematic evaluation of the programme of work and extrabudgetary projects, aimed at strengthening the linkage of planning, monitoring and evaluation, both at the programme and project levels. In this connection, in-depth evaluation of selected subprogrammes, including their gender mainstreaming aspect, will be conducted.

17.11 The Commission, at its fifty-eighth session, in 2002, will undertake an in-depth review of its conference structure, including the thematic priorities and subsidiary structure, as part of its continuing efforts to ensure the relevance of the programme to member countries in the region. The outcome of that review may impact significantly on the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003.

17.12 Resources for the biennium 2002-2003 under this section amount to $55,204,600, reflecting an increase of $793,400 (or 1.4 per cent). The change in the distribution of resources reflected in table 17.2 can be summarized as follows:

(a) Policy-making organs: a decrease of $80,600 due mostly to reduced requirements for temporary assistance in connection with the meetings of the Commission and for travel of staff;

(b) Executive direction and management: an increase of $291,100 resulting largely from: (i) the establishment of one P-4 post and one Local level post. The functions of the P-4 are to develop policies for and undertake the overall coordination and management of the ESCAP

web site. The main functions of the Local level post are to provide support in the overall coordination and management of the web site; (ii) the inward redeployment of one Local level post from subprogramme 1, in order to strengthen the secretariat capacity to prepare promotional materials and multimedia products; (iii) additional requirements for consultancy services to prepare independent analyses on gender mainstreaming and on the relevance and usefulness of selected outputs and/or services provided by the secretariat; and (iv) additional requirements for travel of staff and for external printing of public information materials;

(c) Programme of work: an increase of $500,400 resulting mainly from the following: (i) redeployment of seven Local level posts from programme support to various subprogrammes under the programme of work to strengthen information technology support of these subprogrammes; (ii) redeployment of one Local level post from programme of work to executive direction and management to strengthen ESCAP information services; and (iii) additional requirements for consultants, ad hoc expert groups and external printing;

(d) Programme support: an increase of $82,500 representing the net result of increases and decreases as follows: (i) decrease due to the redeployment of seven Local level posts to strengthen the information technology support service of various subprogrammes under the programme of work; (ii) increase due to the establishment of one P-4 and one Local level posts to provide support for IMIS operations, and to the reclassification of the post of Chief, Conference Services Unit, from the P-3 to the P-4 level; (iii) increases due to additional requirements for acquisition of data-processing equipment, travel of staff, consultants and supplies and materials; (iv) a new provision of $57,700 representing the contribution of ESCAP to the established Inter-Agency Security Plan arrangements for Thailand.

17.13 It is estimated that, during the biennium, extrabudgetary resources of $22,409,300 from various sources will be utilized to supplement regular budget resources, primarily to finance the organization of workshops and seminars, to provide advisory services, to share best practices and to stimulate contacts in various other areas of the programme of work.

17.14 The percentage distribution of resources under this section would be shown in table 17.1.

Table 17.1 **Percentage distribution of resources by component**

Component	*Regular budget*	*Extrabudgetary*
A. Policy-making organs	1.5	-
B. Executive direction and management	4.8	2.0
C. Programme of work		
Subprogramme 1. Regional economic cooperation	8.3	16.0
Subprogramme 2. Development research and policy analysis	7.1	3.0
Subprogramme 3. Social development	5.8	8.0
Subprogramme 4. Population and rural and urban development	5.5	16.0
Subprogramme 5. Environment and natural resources development	9.0	10.0
Subprogramme 6. Transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure development	7.0	10.0
Subprogramme 7. Statistics	4.0	3.0
Subtotal (C)	**46.7**	**66.0**
D. Programme support	47.0	32.0
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table 17.2 **Resource requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 appropriation	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2002-2003 estimate
			Amount	Percentage			
Policy-making organs	531.0	903.5	(80.6)	(8.9)	822.9	18.9	841.8
Executive direction and management	3 074.1	2 360.7	291.1	12.3	2 651.8	62.0	2 713.8
Programme of work	26 141.7	25 206.0	500.4	1.9	25 706.4	519.4	26 225.8
Programme support	24 609.4	25 941.0	82.5	0.3	26 023.5	224.2	26 247.7
Total	**54 356.2**	**54 411.2**	**793.4**	**1.4**	**55 204.6**	**824.5**	**56 029.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

	1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 estimate	2002-2003 estimate
Total	**23 870.4**	**23 251.3**	**22 409.3**
Total (1) and (2)	**78 226.6**	**77 662.5**	**78 438.4**

Table 17.3 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1/D-2	12	12	-	-	-	-	12	12
P-1/P-5	160	162	1	-	13	6	174	168
Subtotal	**173**	**175**	**1**	**-**	**13**	**6**	**187**	**181**
General Service	295	297	1	-	41	43	337	340
Total	**468**	**472**	**2**	**-**	**54**	**49**	**524**	**521**

A. Policy-making organs

Resource requirements (before recosting): $822,900

17.15 The Commission, which in 2000 had 52 members and 9 associate member countries and territories, provides overall direction for the work of the secretariat and reports to the Economic and Social Council. It holds regular annual sessions of up to six working days, each session comprising a senior official's segment followed by a ministerial segment. The intergovernmental structure subsidiary to the Commission comprises three thematic committees, namely, the Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation, the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development and the Committee on Socio-economic Measures to Alleviate Poverty in Rural and

Urban Areas; two other committees, namely, the Committee on Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development and the Committee on Statistics; and two special bodies, the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries and the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries. Subject to the approval of the Commission, ad hoc ministerial conferences and ad hoc intergovernmental meetings may also be held during the biennium. In addition to the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, an Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and other Representatives Designated by the Commission meets monthly to advise and assist the Executive Secretary in the exercise of his functions and to liaise between the Commission and the secretariat. Meetings of the Commission, its committees and special bodies are normally held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. If a meeting is held at some other location at the invitation of a member Government, all additional costs are borne by the host country.

17.16 During 1996 and 1997, the Commission conducted reviews of the thematic orientation of the intergovernmental structure and programmes of the Commission that were mandated by resolution 48/2 of 23 April 1992 and introduced in 1994. At its fifty-third session, in April 1997, the Commission recognized that the advantages of the thematic approach outweighed the disadvantages, and considered that a process of evolution was preferable to any radical change. In that regard, it concluded that the right approach would be to consolidate the gains wherever they had been made and to make the necessary changes in the case of those committees and subprogrammes where some reordering of programme areas or a clearer expression of focus could be of advantage. That was deemed particularly appropriate with respect to the themes relating to poverty alleviation and environment and sustainable development. The Commission decided to retain the five-committee structure with changes in two thematic committees to sharpen their respective focuses; those two committees were renamed the Committee on Socio-economic Measures to Alleviate Poverty in Rural and Urban Areas and the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development. The Commission also decided to retain the two special bodies on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries, and on Pacific Island Developing Countries.

17.17 The revised conference structure reduced the duration of legislative meetings to 48 meeting days per biennium from the previous 70 meeting days. It also reduced the maximum number of ad hoc intergovernmental meetings during a calendar year to 5 from 15, and the total number of meeting days not to exceed 25, from 100. With a view to encouraging a more substantive and interactive exchange of views, the organization of an informal session among heads of delegation during the ministerial segment of the Commission was introduced in 1998.

17.18 At its fifty-eighth session, in 2002, the Commission will undertake an in-depth review of its conference structure, including the thematic priorities and subsidiary structure, as part of its continuing efforts to ensure the relevance of the programme to member countries in the region.

Table 17.4 **Resource requirements**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Non-post	903.5	822.9	-	-
Total	**903.5**	**822.9**	-	-

17.19 The amount of $822,900 is required in connection with the meetings of the Commission, committees and other intergovernmental bodies. The provision covers, inter alia, the cost of conference-servicing staff, editorial services during periods of peak workload, external printing, supplies and materials and, hospitality. The reduced level of provision reflects recent expenditure experience as regards travel and other staff costs.

B. Executive direction and management

Resource requirements (before recosting): $2,651,800

17.20 The Executive Secretary of ESCAP is the head of the secretariat. The Executive Secretary provides the overall direction, supervision and management of the secretariat in order that the regional commission can play a major role in the economic and social development of the region. In fulfilment of that role, the Executive Secretary promotes the adoption of an appropriate strategy for the Commission, discusses substantive issues and concerns of the Commission with member and associate member States, department/offices of the United Nations, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other bodies as appropriate. The Executive Secretary also assists, advises and keeps the Secretary-General informed on matters concerning the Commission, and carries out any special tasks that may be assigned by the Secretary-General.

17.21 In the performance of his activities, the Executive Secretary is assisted by a Deputy Executive Secretary. The Deputy Executive Secretary advises the Executive Secretary on all substantive matters concerning the secretariat and assists the Executive Secretary in the overall programme oversight, planning, coordination, direction and management of ESCAP activities. In addition, the Deputy Executive Secretary also undertakes any other tasks as assigned by the Executive Secretary.

17.22 The Principal Officer provides support for the programme of work, in particular on issues of a cross-cutting nature. In particular, the Principal Officer coordinates and supervises ESCAP cooperation with other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies under the regional coordination meeting structure as well as consultations and cooperation with other subregional organizations and programmes, including the annual consultative meetings of the heads of subregional organizations, and coordinates the secretariat's input to SPECA. The Principal Officer also undertakes other ad hoc activities as assigned by the Executive Secretary.

17.23 The Office of the Executive Secretary includes the United Nations Information Services (UNIS). UNIS has two roles. It serves as an information service for ESCAP, and it has also been designated, on behalf of the Department of Public Information, as the United Nations information centre for Cambodia; Hong Kong, China; the Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Singapore; Thailand; and Vietnam. UNIS serves the Commission by providing full coverage of its work, as well as United Nations meetings and observances held at the Commission's headquarters, to ensure a coherent and visible image of the United Nations and to gain public support for the economic and social work of the United Nations in the region. It also acts as a local and regional clearinghouse for public information products of the Department of Public Information.

Table 17.5 **Resource requirements**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2000-2001	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2002-2003 (before recosting)	Posts 2000-2001	Posts 2002-2003
Regular budget				
Post	2 139.9	2 330.8	17	20
Non-post	220.8	321.0	-	-
Total	**2 360.7**	**2 651.8**	**17**	**20**
Extrabudgetary	**45.7**	**60.5**	**2**	**1**

17.24 The increase of $190,900 under posts reflects (a) the establishment of one new P-4 and one new Local level posts; the functions of the P-4 post are to develop policies for and undertake the overall coordination and management of the ESCAP web site; the function of the Local level post is to provide support in the coordination, management and development of the web site; (b) the inward redeployment from subprogramme 1 of one Local level post in order to strengthen ESCAP public information activities. The increase of $100,200 under non-post requirements reflects additional requirements for consultancy services to prepare independent analyses on gender mainstreaming and on the relevance/usefulness of selected programme areas, for travel of staff and for production and external printing of public information materials.

C. Programme of work

Table 17.6 **Resource requirements by subprogramme**

Subprogramme	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2000-2001	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2002-2003 (before recosting)	Posts 2000-2001	Posts 2002-2003
Regular budget				
1. Regional economic cooperation	4 662.7	4 607.9	38	37
2. Development research and policy analysis	3 773.7	3 935.5	28	29
3. Social development	3 111.2	3 228.8	22	24
4. Population and rural and urban development	3 020.2	3 039.2	22	22
5. Environment and natural resources development	4 816.5	4 878.2	36	37
6. Transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure development	3 563.7	3 674.4	27	29
7. Statistics	2 258.0	2 342.4	21	22
Total	**25 206.0**	**25 706.4**	**194**	**200**
Extrabudgetary	**14 471.4**	**15 113.5**	**38**	**31**

Subprogramme 1
Regional economic cooperation

Resource requirements (before recosting): $4,607,900

17.25 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the International Trade and Industry Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 1 of programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 17.7 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement**

Objective: To support economic cooperation, which has a vital role to play in reducing economic asymmetries and in assisting developing countries, especially the least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and the countries with economies in transition, in their efforts to become effectively integrated into the regional and global economies.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Strengthened ability of countries to conduct effective negotiations in the multilateral trading system and to promote subregional and regional cooperation in trade.	(a) (i) Level of interregional trade and investment flows; (ii) Enumeration of the countries in the region undertaking policy reorientation and institutional capacity-building and strengthening for increased inter- and intraregional trade; (iii) The number of cooperative activities with ADB, UNCTAD, ITC, WTO, UNIDO and subregional organizations; (iv) Positive feedback from the users of the outputs and services of ESCAP on national capacity-building; (v) The number of participants indicating that meetings and training organized by ESCAP had made a significant contribution to their capacity-building.
(b) Expanded access to policy options for strengthening industrial development and restructuring through private sector participation and women's involvement.	(b) (i) Increased inclusion of gender and private sector perspective in policy options for strengthening industrial development and restructuring; (ii) The number of countries participating in legislative and intergovernmental meetings indicating that the work of ESCAP provided policy options for strengthening their industrial development and restructuring.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(c) Increased capacity and institutional infrastructure for countries to apply information technology and to use quality and environmentally sound technologies, particularly by small and medium-sized enterprises.	(c) (i) The number of countries in the legislative and intergovernmental meetings, indicating that they increased their capacity and institutional infrastructure to apply information technology; and to use quality and environmentally sound technologies, particularly by small and medium-sized enterprises; (ii) The number of joint activities with the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology on the transfer of environmentally sound technology; (iii) The number of activities by institutions promoting best practices in application of environmentally sound technologies by small and medium-sized enterprises, with assistance from ESCAP.
(d) Enhanced regional cooperation and networking to promote exports and facilitate trade efficiency and electronic commerce.	(d) (i) The number of training programmes on regional trade promotion; (ii) Increased activities by trade promotion organizations in the region to introduce e-commerce among small and medium-sized enterprises.

External factors

17.26 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) member Governments are willing to implement recommendations of ESCAP; (b) extrabudgetary funding is available in a timely manner; (c) sufficient information technology infrastructure for networking and information technology training courses will be available; (d) the private sector will actively participate in partnership; (e) member Governments will promote the active participation of women in industrial development and restructuring; (f) ADB, UNCTAD, ITC, WTO, UNIDO and subregional organizations in the region are committed to cooperating.

Outputs

17.27 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB)

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: Commission: plenary and committees (16); Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation: plenary (6); Standing Committee of the Bangkok Agreement: plenary (12); Steering Group of the Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation: plenary (12);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: Commission: report of the Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation (1); reports on issues related to trade and industry (2); report of the steering group of the Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation (1); Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation: reports on issues related to trade, investment, industry and technology (2); report of the steering group of the Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation (1); Standing Committee of the Bangkok Agreement: reports (2); steering group of the Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation: reports on issues related to trade, investment, industry and technology (2); consultative meeting among the executive heads of subregional organizations and ESCAP: reports (2);

(iii) Five ad hoc expert groups on: coherent policies and strategies for regional economic integration (1); emerging agenda for WTO trade liberalization and its implications for disadvantaged economies (1); promoting resource-based export-oriented small and medium-sized enterprises for poverty alleviation in Asia (1); the use of information technology to promote small and medium-sized enterprises access to environmentally sound technologies (1); trade facilitation and electronic commerce (1);

(b) Substantive outputs (RB/XB)

(i) Recurrent publications: *Current Issues on Industry, Trade and Technology* (2); *Directory of Trade and Investment-related Organizations of Developing Countries in Asia and the Pacific* (1); *Industrial and Technological Development Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific* (2); *TISNET Trade and Investment Information Bulletin* (24);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: An integrated framework for the comprehensive development of the Greater Mekong Subregion (1); best practices in investment promotion and implementation for selected countries with economies in transition and least developed countries (1); best practices in adoption of information technology by rural microenterprises for poverty alleviation (1); implications of globalization, including information technologies, for industrial diversification and the improved competitiveness of manufacturing: problems and prospects in the twenty-first century (1); increasing the export competitiveness of commodity producers and exporters (1); major issues of concern to developing countries in a multilateral trading system: regional perspective (1); promoting agro-based and other resource-based industries in developing countries for poverty alleviation and for increased involvement of women in industry (1); promotion of competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises through business/technology incubators and science parks in the context of globalization (1); review of country experiences in accession to WTO: lessons learned (1); strengthening capacities for industrial development and restructuring in specific sectors, through trade and investment policy reforms (1); strengthening of institutional infrastructure and partnership of stakeholders for human resources development in information technology (1); successful cases of development and transfer of environmentally sound technology to small and medium-sized enterprises for sustainable development (1);

(iii) Exhibit for the Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair (ASPAT) 2002 (1);

(iv) Technical material: Greater Mekong Subregion Business Handbook (1); technical information in response to requests from the public and private sectors and non-governmental organizations, and dissemination of information (2); traders' manuals (2);

(v) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP home page on trade policy, trade promotion, trade facilitation, industry and technology on the World Wide Web (24);

(c) International cooperation, coordination, liaison (RB/XB): collaboration with intergovernmental/international organizations, including Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, the Asian Clearing Union, ADB, the Asian Reinsurance Corporation, ASEAN, the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Pacific Islands Forum, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Pacific Community, the World Economic Forum and WTO as well as non-governmental organizations; collaboration with regional commissions in the areas of trade, investment, industry and technology in developing interregional linkages and in promoting information exchange and cooperation; collaboration with the United Nations bodies, and specialized agencies, including the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development, UNCTAD, UNDP, FAO, UNIDO, ITC and World Bank; technical and managerial support to the Regional Network for Agricultural and Engineering Machinery; technical and substantive support to the Bangladesh-India-Myanmar-Sri Lanka-Thailand Economic Cooperation (BIMST-EC) and SPECA, including participation in the SPECA Project Working Group on Restructuring Manufacturing Industries with a View to Creating Internationally Competitive Enterprises; technical and substantive support to the Technical Consultancy Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific; technical and substantive support to the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology; technical and substantive support to the ESCAP Trade and Investment Information Network;

(d) Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

(i) Advisory services on: capacity-building and adoption of environment and quality management by small and medium-sized enterprises; institutional capacity-building and policy formulation for transfer of information technology for improved competitiveness and trade efficiency; promoting foreign direct investment in disadvantaged groups of countries; promoting industrial development and restructuring through trade and investment policy reforms;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: national workshops on promotion of commodity exports with a focus on gender mainstreaming; promotion of intraregional trade through trade fairs and seminars with a focus on gender mainstreaming; regional and national workshops on promoting business technology incubation for improved competitiveness of small and medium-sized industries; regional and national workshops on trade facilitation and electronic commerce; regional seminar on developing an integrated framework for the comprehensive development of the Greater Mekong Subregion; regional seminars/national workshops on best practices in investment promotion and implementation for selected countries with economies in transition and least developed countries; regional training seminar on trade promotion and transaction with the use of information technology; regional workshop on strengthening of institutional infrastructure and partnership of stakeholders for human resources development in information technology with a focus on gender mainstreaming; seminar on promoting intra- and interregional cooperation in trade and investment; seminar/training on agro-based rural industrialization and information technology for poverty alleviation and women's involvement in industry; seminars on private sector development and corporate strategies in the Greater Mekong Subregion; training course on negotiation and transfer of environmentally sound technologies and strengthening environmental management systems for small and medium-sized enterprises; training on investment project planning and preparation and organization of investment forums for countries in Indo-China; training workshops/seminars on the WTO agreements and accession;

(iii) Field projects: project on capacity-building of enterprises in selected least developed countries/economies in transition to enhance their export competitiveness (including seminars, workshops and advisory services).

Table 17.8 Resource requirements: subprogramme 1

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Post	4 410.6	4 355.6	38	37
Non-post	252.1	252.3	-	-
Total	**4 662.7**	**4 607.9**	**38**	**37**
Extrabudgetary	3 057.1	3 652.5	5	5

17.28 The reduction of $55,000 under posts is due to the outward redeployment of one Local level post to executive direction and management to strengthen ESCAP activities in the area of public information.

Subprogramme 2
Development research and policy analysis

Resource requirement (before recosting): $3,935, 500

17.29 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Development Research and Policy Analysis Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 2 of programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 17.9 Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

Objective: To focus research and analysis on the determinants and prospects of economic recovery and durable growth in the ESCAP region, especially on new challenges and opportunities for the economies in the ESCAP region arising from the globalization and liberalization processes as well as developments in information technology.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Increased capacity of countries to deal with challenges and opportunities arising from the globalization and liberalization processes.	(a) (i) The extent to which appropriate macroeconomic policies advocated by ESCAP are incorporated at the national and regional levels; (ii) The contribution of advisory services, training and technical assistance for capacity-building to enabling Governments to deal with the implications of global developments.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(b) Enhanced awareness of the interface between economic, social and environmental aspects of development and improved policies for poverty alleviation and sustainable development.	(b) (i) The extent to which relevant policy-oriented research and studies on macroeconomic issues were used by Governments, regional organizations and research institutions; (ii) The number of users of ESCAP publications and documents and the home page, indicating in feedback forms, that analysis and policy suggestions increased their awareness of the interface between economic, social and environmental aspects of development and improved policies for poverty alleviation and sustainable development.
(c) Strengthened national capacity of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition of the region for effective articulation of their concerns in subregional and regional forums, including macroeconomic policy and economic reform aspects.	(c) (i) Contribution of the advisory services in strengthening national capacity of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition for effective articulation of their concerns in subregional and regional forums, including macroeconomic policy and economic reform; (ii) Increased number of decisions and recommendations adopted at subregional and regional forums, addressing the current and emerging issues faced by least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

External factors

17.30 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that there will be: (a) a greater thrust by the international community to provide assistance for the disadvantaged economies in the ESCAP region; (b) increased concern in the international community for poverty alleviation and for sustainable development; (c) no negative developments that could adversely affect the capacity of countries to implement macroeconomic policies along the lines of those recommended; (d) adequate availability of extrabudgetary sources to finance technical cooperation programmes; (e) consensus on policy approaches related to current and emerging issues arising from globalization; (f) increased concern in the international community for a more stable international financial system.

Outputs

17.31 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB/XB)

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: Commission: plenary and committees (16); informal meetings on least developed countries, Pacific island developing countries and countries with economies in transition (4); Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation: plenary (6); Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development: plenary (6); Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries: plenary (4); Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries: plenary (4);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation:

a. Commission: report of the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries (1); report of the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries (1); reports on the current economic situation and policy issues (2);

b. Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries: reports on issues related to least developed and landlocked developing countries (2);

c. Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries: reports on issues related to Pacific island developing countries (2);

(iii) Four ad hoc expert groups on: development issues and policies (2); the long-term implications of modes of development of the financial system for economic development (1); integration of demographic dynamics into development policy (1);

(b) Other substantive outputs (RB/XB)

(i) Recurrent publications: *Asia-Pacific Development Journal* (4); *Development Papers* (2); *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: capacity-building in macroeconomic management of countries with economies in transition for managing globalization (1); cost-effective social security and safety net models (electronic form) (1); financial monitoring and surveillance in the ESCAP region (1); globalization and sustainable development (electronic form) (1); macroeconomic reforms in least developed countries (1); strategies for graduation of microfinance beneficiaries to more formal finance (1);

(iii) Pamphlets on web page-based training programmes for accessing the virtual conferences on the interface between economic, social and environmental aspects of development and improved policies for poverty alleviation and sustainable development (2);

(iv) Special events: launching of the annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* in selected member countries of ESCAP and United Nations organizations (2);

(v) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP home page on development research and policy analysis on the World Wide Web (8); virtual conference on the interface between economic and environmental aspects of development and improved policies for sustainable development (1); virtual conference on the interface between economic and social aspects of development and improved policies for poverty alleviation (1);

(c) International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB): collaboration and liaison with inter-agency committees, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the region dealing with economic development issues, strategies and

policies; collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, ECE, UNCTAD, the World Bank, IMF and ADB on development issues and policies, including those related to globalization; collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in the work of the Committee for Development Policy and Project LINK; collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and UNCTAD on the follow-up to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries; collaboration with the Forum Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community on matters related to Pacific island developing countries; collaboration with the World Bank, IMF and ADB on matters related to least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition; collaboration with United Nations bodies and intergovernmental institutions, including the Commission on Sustainable Development, UNEP, the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP), the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the Mekong River Commission on issues concerned with the integration of environmental considerations into economic decision-making; collaboration with United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations, including UNDP, UNIFEM, ILO, UNESCO, FAO, the World Bank and ADB on poverty and social issues, strategies and policies; technical and substantive support to SPECA, including participation in the SPECA Project Working Group for an International Economic Conference on Tajikistan in the Regional Context of Central Asia;

(d) Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

(i) Advisory services on: macroeconomic policy and related institution-building in least developed countries, landlocked countries, island developing States and countries with economies in transition; promotion of sustainable development in island developing States;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: regional seminars on: a new economy in the new millennium; achievements of the countries with economies in transition after 10 years of transition; experiences with financial monitoring and surveillance in countries of the ESCAP region; strategies for graduation of microfinance beneficiaries to more formal finance; seminars/workshops/training courses on policy reforms in least developed, landlocked and island developing countries for dealing with the implications of globalization; training workshops on the use of the virtual conference modality in least developed and landlocked developing countries for exchange of experience on good practices and policies for enhancing the benefits of globalization.

Table 17.10 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 2**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Post	3 486.5	3 541.5	28	29
Non-post	287.2	394.0	-	-
Total	**3 773.7**	**3 935.5**	**28**	**29**
Extrabudgetary	992.8	621.0	2	2

17.32 The increase of $55,000 under posts is due to the inward redeployment of one Local level post from programme support to strengthen information technology support service of the subprogramme. The increase of $106,800 under non-post requirements is due to additional requirements for consultants ($38,900), ad hoc expert groups ($16,200), travel of staff ($37,300) and external printing of publications and production of CD-ROMS ($14,400).

Subprogramme 3
Social development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $3,228,800

17.33 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Social Development Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 3 of programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 17.11 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement**

Objective: To accelerate the attainment by member countries of the goals and targets of poverty alleviation, employment expansion and social integration (in pursuance of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and its review outcome as well as the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region), including the implementation of global and regional plans of action related to women, youth, human resources development, disabled persons and older persons, and to promote effective partnerships with both Governments and civil society.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Strengthened national capability to plan, implement and monitor social policies and programmes to meet new challenges and emerging social issues, particularly in the light of globalization processes, and strengthened multisectoral partnerships for the implementation of the goals and targets related to the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen, 1995) and the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (Manila, 1994 and 1997), focusing on poverty eradication, employment expansion, social integration and the empowerment of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups.	(a) (i) Feedback on social policy and programme prescriptions received from participants at the annual Commission sessions and the Sixth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Development; (ii) Adoption, incorporation and adaptation of recommendations emanating from events on social development organized by ESCAP; (iii) Results of the pilot and demonstration project evaluation reports noting improved services/programmes; (iv) The number of cooperative arrangements and joint programmes developed between ESCAP and other United Nations bodies and intergovernmental organizations as well as NGOs.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(b) Strengthened national capacity to plan and deliver intersectoral human resources development policies and programmes in the areas of education and training, health promotion and livelihood creation, focusing on the needs of the poor and other key target groups, including youth, in line with the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region.	(b) (i) The number of human resources development recommendations adopted by Governments at intergovernmental meetings; (ii) Progress towards strengthening integrated human resources development policies as a strategy for poverty alleviation in national plans and programmes; (iii) Incorporation of human resources development research recommendations into new policies and programmes at the national level; (iv) Results of the pilot project evaluation reports noting improved services/projects.
(c) Advancement of the status of women in the region and promotion of gender equality through mainstreaming gender into the development process in pursuance of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global review outcome.	(c) (i) The number of recommendations and policies and strategies adopted by countries; (ii) The number of replications of modalities and features of identified best practices adopted by countries; (iii) The number of countries taking action on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women with regard to its ratification, the removal of reservations, the ratification of its optional protocol and its reporting and implementation; (iv) The number of measures enacted for an integrated approach towards combating violence against women; (v) The number of mechanisms, plans and actions, and bilateral and multilateral agreements adopted by countries to combat sexual exploitation of and trafficking in women and children; (vi) The number of national plans of action for the advancement of women adopted and implemented by countries; (vii) Progress in the incorporation of gender concerns into various sectors of the economy.

External factors

17.34 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) Governments display political will and cooperation, especially with regard to their commitment to the goals and objectives contained in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and reaffirmed in the outcome of the review by the General Assembly, at its twenty-third special session in 2000; (b) member States and key stakeholders place priority on human resources development activities; (c) there is active involvement by all organizations and parties concerned with the promotion of gender equality; (d) extrabudgetary funding is available for technical assistance projects; (e) Governments, NGOs and other intergovernmental organizations and agencies will cooperate to facilitate secretariat action on enhancing the capabilities and opportunities of disadvantaged social groups which may otherwise be bypassed in the development process; (f) no negative developments occur that might affect the capacity of countries to undertake recommended actions; (g) national counterparts have the capacity and the commitment to participate in project activities.

Outputs

17.35 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB/XB)

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: Commission: plenary and committees (16); Sixth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Development: plenary (10); High-level Meeting to Conclude the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002: plenary (10);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: Commission: reports on issues related to social development (2); Sixth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Development: reports on issues related to the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (2); report on regional follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (1); High-level Meeting to Conclude the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002: reports on issues related to the implementation of the Agenda for Action for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2); report on sustainable social development in a period of rapid globalization: challenges, opportunities and policy options;

(iii) Four ad hoc expert groups on: integrated policies and programmes on sexual and reproductive health and prevention of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse among youth (1); regional follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (1); regional implementation and monitoring of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly entitled: "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (1); regional implementation of the Copenhagen Programme of Action on Social Development and the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (1);

(b) Other substantive outputs (RB/XB)

(i) Recurrent publications: ESCAP social action update (6);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: best regional approaches to integrated implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action on the World Summit for Social Development and its further initiatives (1); sustainable social development in a period of rapid globalization: challenges, opportunities and policy options (1); enhancing human resources development of youth: income-generation activities that work (1);

focus on ability, celebrate diversity: highlights of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (1); guidelines and indicators for monitoring implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (1); monograph series on emerging issues regarding women in development in Asia and the Pacific (2); promoting human resources development of youth in the Greater Mekong Subregion and South Asia: integrated policies and programmes for sexual and reproductive health, and prevention of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse (1); strengthening policies and programmes for the empowerment and integration of the poor and disadvantaged groups (1); successful practices and emerging issues in the implementation of the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific (1); the Status of Women in Asia and the Pacific (1); the health of youth in the Greater Mekong Subregion and in South Asia: the voice of youth on sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and substance abuse (1);

(iii) Exhibits on the ESCAP Human Resources Development Award winners (2); exhibits on women in development for International Women's Day (2);

(iv) Booklets, fact sheets and information materials on: key human resources development issues and activities (2) and emerging women in development issues in Asia and the Pacific (2); brochures and booklets on the ESCAP Human Resources Development Award (4); fact sheets and information on issues relating to older persons, the implementation of the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing in Asia and the Pacific and follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (2); fact sheets on the regional implementation and follow-up to the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action on the World Summit for Social Development and the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (2); information materials on emerging and critical social issues (2);

(v) Special events: International Day of Disabled Persons (1); International Women's Day, including a panel discussion on selected emerging issues (2); International Youth Day (2); presentation ceremony for the ESCAP Human Resources Development Award (2); regional "zero tolerance" campaign on violence against women (2); regional campaign to promote the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (1);

(vi) Technical material: establishment and updating of a databases on: best practices to combat the feminization of poverty (2); best practices to combat violence against women (2); successful practices for strengthening policies and programmes for older persons (2); establishment and updating of the ESCAP human resources development database of organizations providing services for sexually abused and sexually exploited children and youth in Asia (2); human resources development training materials and information, education and communication materials on emerging human resources development issues for youth, including information and communications technology and life skills to prevent HIV/AIDS and substance abuse (2); inventory of successful interventions and strategies in combating sexual exploitation and trafficking in women and children (2); maintenance and updating of a database on women in development programmes and projects carried out by United Nations agencies and organizations (2); maintenance and updating of the ESCAP database on a regional network of management information systems on social development (2); maintenance and updating of the ESCAP database on centres of excellence for human resources development research and training (2); maintenance and updating of the ESCAP-Uppsala University human resources development database on sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and youth in Asia (2); technical studies on emerging and critical social issues (2);

(vii) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP home page on human resources development on the World Wide Web (8); ESCAP home page on social policy and integration of disadvantaged groups on the World Wide Web (8); ESCAP home page on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons on the World Wide Web (8); ESCAP home page on women in development on the World Wide Web (8); ESCAP-United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) home page on youth and drugs (URL being established) (8); videotapes on the ESCAP Human Resources Development Award winners (2);

(c) International cooperation and inter-agency coordination, and liaison (RB/XB): collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, research institutions and other entities: in implementation of the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and the Regional Social Development Agenda; and on ageing-related issues and on implementation of the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Proclamation on Ageing, and follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing; collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ASEAN, ECO, SAARC, the Pacific Islands Forum and NGOs in implementing the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region; collaboration with intergovernmental organizations and NGOs in regional implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond; collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including regional organizations and regional banks, and NGOs in implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global review outcome; collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Commission on Social Development, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UNDCP, UNAIDS, ILO, UNESCO and other international organizations in implementing the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and the Regional Social Development Agenda; collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including UNDCP, UNAIDS, ILO, UNESCO, and WHO, and international and national centres of excellence in implementing the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region; collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UNICEF, UNDCP, UNFPA, UNAIDS, ILO, UNESCO and WHO, in regional implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond; collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies in the Administrative Coordinating Interagency Committee on Women and Gender Equality in implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global review outcome and the United Nations system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women; collaboration with United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations on implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons; collaboration with United Nations departments, bodies and specialized agencies, including the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UNESCO, the International Institute on Ageing (United Nations-Malta), and other international organizations on ageing-related issues and on implementation of the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing in Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Proclamation on Ageing, and follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing; organization and servicing of the Regional Coordination Meeting Thematic Working Group on Social Summit Follow-up; organization and servicing of the Regional Coordination Meeting Thematic Working Group on Disability-related Concerns; organization and servicing of the Regional Coordination Meeting Thematic Working Group on Human Rights and Governance; organization and servicing of the Regional Coordination Meeting Thematic Working Group on Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality; participation in the Regional Coordination Meeting

Thematic Working Group on Education for All; participation in the Regional Coordination Meeting Thematic Working Group on HIV/AIDS; participation in the Regional Coordination Meeting Thematic Working Group on Drug Control and Crime Prevention; participation in the Regional Coordination Meeting Thematic Working Group on Poverty Alleviation, Rural Development and Food Security; participation in the Regional Coordination Meeting Thematic Working Group on Trafficking in Women and Children;

(d) Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

(i) Advisory services on implementation of: the Agenda for Action for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons; the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global review outcome, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its optional protocol; the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region; the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific and follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing; advisory services on regional implementation and follow-up to the Copenhagen Programme of Action on Social Development and the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region and their further initiatives; advisory services on strengthening national policies and programmes to address emerging and critical social issues;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: demonstration projects to promote implementation of the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing in Asia and the Pacific and follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing; ESCAP human resources development course on integrated health services for young people: sexual and reproductive health and prevention of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS; ESCAP human resources development course on psychosocial and medical services for sexually abused and sexually exploited children and youth; ESCAP human resources development course on training of trainers for poverty alleviation; ESCAP human resources development course to promote adult education through distance learning; ESCAP human resources development courses for poverty alleviation; ESCAP human resources development courses for youth development; ESCAP human resources development workshop on education for all focusing on management of non-formal education programmes; inter-country exchange programmes on successful practices in promoting social development; national human resources development pilot projects on poverty alleviation and conflict management for youth in conflict zones; pilot projects on harnessing information and communications technologies for empowering rural persons with disabilities to secure their entitlements and to facilitate their economic advancement; policy dialogues and consultations on experiences and lessons learned, concerning social integration, employment expansion, and poverty reduction and on emerging social issues; regional and subregional meetings on key human resources development issues; regional meeting on follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing; regional meetings on critical and emerging issues that create gender disparity; regional seminar on alleviating the feminization of poverty; regional seminar on assisting women to address the challenges of globalization; regional seminar on social protection and safety nets for women; regional seminar on strengthening national and local capability for improving the accessibility of infrastructure, including public transport and services, as well as other facilities and amenities; regional seminar on women and human security; regional workshops on bridging the gender digital divide, including information technology for networking, promotion of e-commerce and alleviation of feminization of poverty; regional workshops on protective and preventive measures to eliminate violence against women; regional/subregional meeting on

emerging and key social issues in the context of globalization; regional/subregional workshop to review and strengthen national policies and plans of action on ageing; seminar on subregional and regional cooperation to combat sexual exploitation and trafficking in women and children; workshop on improving approaches to delivering basic social services, social protection of and support for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups; workshop on improving awareness and enhancing opportunities for disabled persons' full participation and equality in the development process;

(iii) Fellowships and grants: entrepreneurship training for women in collaboration with regional training bodies; ESCAP Human Resources Development Award;

(iv) Field projects: field visit exchanges to facilitate networking on improving disabled persons' access to opportunities for education, training employment and self-empowerment.

Table 17.12 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 3**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Post	2 920.9	3 030.9	22	24
Non-post	190.3	197.9	-	-
Total	**3 111.2**	**3 228.8**	**22**	**24**
Extrabudgetary	1 656.7	1 891.5	4	3

17.36 The increase of $110,000 under post requirements is due to the inward redeployment of two Local-level posts from programme support in order to strengthen the information technology and research support services of this subprogramme. The non-post increase of $7,600 is the net result of increases due to additional requirements for consultants ($8,400), ad hoc expert groups ($12,600) and external printing of publications ($6,600) and a decrease due to reduced requirements for travel of staff ($20,000).

Subprogramme 4
Population and rural and urban development

Resource requirement (before recosting): $3,039,200

17.37 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Population and Rural and Urban Development Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 4 of programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 17.13 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement**

Objective: To identify and create a better understanding of economic and social issues in the areas of population and rural and urban development that are directly related to the eradication of poverty; to increase awareness of the critical issues in the areas of population and rural and urban development among policy makers, civil society and individuals; and to develop appropriate strategies and policies in the areas of population and rural and urban development to improve the quality of life of the poor, with special attention to the needs of the least developed, landlocked and island developing countries.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Greater incorporation of population and rural and urban development issues and their gender dimension in national development policies and plans.	(a) (i) Enumeration of the plans, policies and programmes advocated by ESCAP in accordance with the recommendations emanating from the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and other global conferences, adopted by member States; (ii) The number of policies and plans endorsed by national and local governments, especially those in least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, on issues relating to population and rural and urban development with assistance from ESCAP; (iii) The number of national development policies and plans on population and rural and urban development issues that contain gender dimensions.
(b) Strengthened local and national capacity of countries to formulate and implement effective policies and programmes in the concerned fields, including those related to poverty alleviation, reproductive health, gender equity, governance and human settlements.	(b) (i) The level of replication of activities on best practices at the grass-roots level based on ESCAP activities; (ii) The number of national programmes that contain gender issues; (iii) Contribution of advisory services, guidelines/manuals and training materials provided by ESCAP to the strengthening of the local and national capacity of countries to formulate and implement effective policies and programmes in the concerned fields, including those related

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
	to poverty alleviation, reproductive health, gender equity, governance and human settlements; (iv) The number of countries adopting measures to formulate and implement national policies and programmes in the concerned fields, as a result of receiving technical assistance from ESCAP.
(c) Improved skills in the fields of information management, information technology and communications networks on population and rural and urban development.	(c) (i) Contribution of advisory services, guidelines/manuals and training materials provided by ESCAP to improved skills in the fields of information management, information technology and communications networks on population and rural and urban development; (ii) The number of new information centres and regional resource centres on population and rural and urban development established in the region with assistance from ESCAP.
(d) Increased awareness and improved understanding of critical issues related to poverty alleviation in the areas of population and rural and urban development, and the need to integrate those issues into poverty alleviation programmes and projects.	(d) (i) Contribution of technical assistance and home page to increased awareness and improved understanding of critical issues related to poverty alleviation in the areas of population and rural and urban development, and the need to integrate those issues into poverty alleviation programmes and projects; (ii) The number of citations of ESCAP studies and articles appearing in other publications.

External factors

17.38 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) poverty alleviation continues to receive the attention of the international community and that priority is attached to population and rural and urban development in that connection; (b) a sufficient information technology infrastructure is available for networking and sufficient resources are mobilized for information technology training courses; (c) member Governments give priority to the implementation of plans, policies and programmes in the field of population and rural and urban development; (d) extrabudgetary sources to finance technical cooperation programmes are available, including from UNFPA.

Outputs

17.39 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB/XB)

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: Commission: plenary and committees (16); Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference: plenary (10);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: Commission: report of the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (1); report on the interrelationship between rural poverty reduction and information technology (1); report on issues related to population and rural and urban development (2); Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference: reports to the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (6);

(iii) Three ad hoc expert groups on: the interrelationship between rural poverty reduction and information technology (1); intraregional migration flows (1); the use of information technology for monitoring and evaluation of population and poverty alleviation programmes (1);

(b) Other substantive outputs (RB/XB)

(i) Recurrent publications: *Asia-Pacific Population Journal* (8); *Population Headliners* (12); *Newsletter on Poverty Alleviation Initiatives* (8);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: critical analysis of urban policies and their impact on urban poverty eradication (1); Programme of Action of the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (1); selected papers for the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (1); the human dignity initiative: enabling policies and comparative analysis of community-based safety nets (1);

(iii) Exhibit for the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (1);

(iv) Brochures, pamphlets and press-kits on the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (1); catalogue of ESCAP population publications (2); ESCAP population data sheets (2);

(v) Technical material:

a. Asia-Pacific Population Information Network Bulletin (electronic newsletter) (6); development of Internet-based learning system for local government officials (1); maintenance and updating of database on family planning/reproductive health and population law (2); maintenance and updating of database on reproductive health indicators (2); maintenance and updating of population directory database series (2); working paper on migration and urbanization (1); working paper on reproductive health (1);

b. Audio-visual resources: CD-ROM containing material for the implementation of community-based safety nets (such as policy guidelines, good practices, training modules) (2); CD-ROM on population and poverty (1); ESCAP home page on human settlements on the World Wide Web (6); ESCAP home page on rural development and the Fertilizer Advisory, Development and Information Network for Asia and the Pacific (FADINAP) on the World Wide Web (24); ESCAP population home page, including population databases, data sheets and the full text of the Asia-Pacific Population Journal articles, on the World Wide Web (24);

(c) International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB): collaboration with national, regional and interregional bodies outside the United Nations system and with NGOs on matters related to population and development; collaboration with United Nations bodies funds, programmes and agencies on matters related to population and development and on matters related to rural poverty and agricultural and rural development; cooperation with intergovernmental organizations, including the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) and the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) and NGOs on matters related to rural poverty and agricultural and rural development; coordination of programme activities with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including Habitat, in implementing the Habitat Agenda; organization and servicing of the Regional Coordination Meeting Thematic Working Group on Poverty Alleviation, Rural Development and Food Security; technical and substantive support to the Regional Coordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tubers in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific; technical and substantive support to regional networks including The Asian Coalition for Human Rights (ACHR), the Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements (CITYNET), the International Union of Local Authorities/Asia and Pacific Council (IULA-ASPAC) and the Network of Local Government Training and Research Institutes (LOGOTRI); technical and substantive support to UNFPA country support teams and participation in UNFPA organized country project formulation/review meetings on matters related to population and development;

(d) Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

(i) Advisory services on: demographic analysis; implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Regional Action Plan on Urbanization; information management on agri-technologies and rural poverty reduction; population and development issues; population information management and dissemination; and reproductive health;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: high-level regional seminar on a framework for community-based safety nets; national forums on women in local government; national level symposia on enabling policies for community-based initiatives; Population Information Network coordination meeting; regional meeting on the effectiveness of electronic dissemination of information on rural development; regional training workshop on policy analysis and population and social planning in countries with economies in transition; regional workshop on the impact of balanced use of agri-technologies on rural income and employment; regional workshop on local government systems; seminar on rural-urban linkages in the context of regional development; subregional training workshops on improved techniques in population data collection, processing, dissemination and presentation; subregional training workshops on policy-oriented analysis and data-based population and development planning; training workshop on information technology for population information professionals; training workshop on population information repackaging with multimedia; training workshop on reproductive health measurement; workshop-cum-training programmes to disseminate best practices in rural poverty alleviation; workshop on computerized management information systems for reproductive health services; workshop to evaluate training programmes on information technology for population information work; workshop to review the impact of governance on rural poverty reduction;

(iii) Field projects: establishment of regional resource centres to promote municipal finance, urban governance, urban environment management, information technology for local government, urban land management and empowerment of the poor; projects on

community-based safety nets as tools for human development: the human dignity initiative.

Table 17.14 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 4**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Post	2 880.4	2 880.4	22	22
Non-post	139.8	158.8	-	-
Total	**3 020.2**	**3 039.2**	**22**	**22**
Extrabudgetary	3 319.3	3 562.0	7	5

17.40 The amount of $2,880,400 provides for the continuation of 22 posts. The non-post resources provide for consultants, ad hoc expert groups, travel of staff and contractual services. The increase of $19,000 under non-post requirements is due mostly to additional requirements for ad hoc expert groups ($14,000) and slight increases for consultants, travel and external printing of publications.

Subprogramme 5
Environment and natural resources development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $4,878,200

17.41 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Environment and Natural Resources Development Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 5 of programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 17.15 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement**

Objective: To strengthen the national capacity of members and associate members to achieve sustainable development, as well as regional and subregional cooperation on protection of the environment and development and management of natural resources, taking into account the recommendations of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session, held in June 1997, the outcome of the 10-year review of Agenda 21, scheduled to be held in 2002, and the priorities given by members and associate members of ESCAP at intergovernmental legislative meetings.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Strengthened national capacities in the formulation of policies and planning related to environmental management, sustainable development of land, water, mineral and energy resources, space technology applications and natural disaster mitigation.	(a) (i) Contribution of ESCAP activities (advisory services, publications, studies and research findings) to strengthening national capacity in the formulation of policies and planning, especially strategic planning, related to environmental management, sustainable development of land, water, mineral and energy resources, space technology applications and natural disaster mitigation; (ii) The number of countries adopting the Minimum Common Programme framework and implementing activities in space applications for poverty alleviation; (iii) The number of arrangements for technical cooperation among developing countries facilitated by ESCAP; (iv) The number of cooperative activities with other United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations carried out with a view to strengthening national capacity in the formulation of policies and planning related to natural disaster reduction.
(b) Strengthened regional and subregional cooperation among countries in addressing common issues related to environmental management, sustainable development of land, water, mineral and energy resources and natural disaster mitigation and utilization of space technology applications.	(b) (i) The number of countries involved with the implementation of regional and subregional action plans for enhanced implementation of national environmental action plans; (ii) The number of cooperative activities under the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (phase II) involving government organizations, educational institutions and the industrial sector;

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
	(iii) The number of transboundary cooperative activities on the sustainable development and management of energy resources promoted by ESCAP;
	(iv) The number of regional cooperative arrangements on the sustainable development and management of land, water and mineral resources promoted by ESCAP;
	(v) Contribution of ESCAP studies and home page to strengthened regional and subregional cooperation among countries in addressing common issues related to environmental management, sustainable development of land, water, mineral and energy resources and natural disaster mitigation and utilization of space technology applications.
(c) Wider participation of NGOs, civil society and the private sector in the decision-making process and implementation of policies and decisions related to sustainable development and management of natural resources, taking into account the gender perspective.	(c) Extent of the participation of NGOs, civil society and the private sector in the decision-making process and implementation of policies and decisions related to sustainable development and management of natural resources, taking into account the gender perspective.

External factors

17.42 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there is political will and commitment for the participation of NGOs, civil society and the private sector in cooperation activities as well as in decision-making processes and the implementation of policies; (b) extrabudgetary resources to finance cooperation activities are available; (c) Governments are ready to participate in cooperative activities and in capacity-building efforts and to grant NGOs, civil society and the private sector greater access to information and participation in decision-making processes; (d) the political and economic environment will not be affected negatively.

Outputs

17.43 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB)

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: Commission: plenary and committees (16); Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development: plenary (12); Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (2);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation:

a. Commission: report on policies and issues related to sustainable energy development and management, on the environment and sustainable development of natural resources (1); report on the implementation of resolution 56/3 on regional cooperation on space applications for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific (1); reports of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development (2);

b. Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development: reports on issues related to the environment and sustainable development of natural resources (4); reports on sustainable energy development and management (2); report on follow-up to the Second Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (1);

(iii) Three ad hoc expert groups on: end-use energy efficiency and promotion of a sustainable energy future (1); policies for promotion and integration of space applications for poverty alleviation (1); policy options and planning in sustainable development of land and mineral resources in Asia (1);

(b) Other substantive outputs (RB/XB)

(i) Recurrent publications: *Asian-Pacific Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System Journal* (2); *Atlas of Mineral Resources of the ESCAP Region* (1); *Atlas of Urban Geology* series (1); *Electric Power in Asia and the Pacific*, 1999-2000 (1); *Energy Resources Development* series: end-use energy efficiency and promotion of a sustainable energy future (1); *Environment and Natural Resources Development News* (8); *Mineral Concentrations and Hydrocarbon Accumulations in the ESCAP Region* (1); *Mineral Resources Assessment, Development and Management* series (1); *Water Resources Journal* (4); *Water Resources* series (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: development of sustainable energy systems in remote areas (1); energy policies and measures for improvement of fuel efficiency in motor vehicles (1); information and communication technologies and the environment (1); manual on preparation and negotiation of mineral investment agreements (1); strategic environmental management: status and implementation, South Asia (1); strategic environmental management: status and implementation, South-east Asia (1); study on the framework of association of regional space industries to support sustainable development (1); towards the achievement of sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific: policies and actions (1);

(iii) Exhibits for World Space Week (2);

(iv) Information kits on the implementation of the outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (2);

(v) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP home page on energy on the World Wide Web (8); ESCAP home page on environment on the World Wide Web (8); ESCAP home page on the North-east Asia Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation on the World Wide Web (8); ESCAP home page on partnership and policy networking in sustainable development in natural resources on the World Wide Web (8); ESCAP home page on the Space Technology Applications Programme for Sustainable Development on the World Wide Web (8); ESCAP home page on water and mineral resources on the World Wide Web (8);

(c) International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB): collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ADB, NGOs, civil society groups, national institutions and the private sector, on the implementation of the outcome of the fourth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific; collaboration with intergovernmental organizations and regional initiatives, including the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites, the Asian Conference on Remote Sensing, the Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum, the Asia-Pacific Multilateral Cooperation on Space Technology Applications, the ASEAN Subcommittee on Space Applications, on matters related to space technology applications; collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ADB, ASEAN, SAARC, International Fund for the Aral Sea Rehabilitation, the Mekong River Commission, the Coordinating Committee for Coastal and Offshore Geoscience Programmes in East and South-east Asia, ECO, SPECA, the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission, the Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Cooperation, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission's Subcommission for the Western Pacific, research institutions, NGOs and the private sector, on matters related to sustainable development of land, water and mineral resources; collaboration with United Nations agencies/focal points and the Administrative Committee on Coordination's Subcommittee on Water Resources on regional activities related to World Day for Water; collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies on the 'Rio + 10' Summit and preparations for the annual sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development; collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, regional and subregional organizations such as ECO, BIMST-EC, SAARC and ASEAN, and NGOs and the private sector on matters related to capacity-building in the area of sustainable energy development; collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Administrative Committee on Coordination Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities, on matters related to space technology applications; collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, on regional activities related to the International Day for Disaster Reduction and matters related to natural resources and disaster reduction; organization and servicing of Inter-agency Task Force on Water for Asia and the Pacific; organization and servicing of the inter-agency task force meeting on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development under the aegis of the environment and development advocacy; organization and servicing of the Regional Coordination Meeting Thematic Working Group on the outcome of the 10-year review of Agenda 21; technical and substantive support for the Panel on Tropical Cyclones; technical and substantive support for the Typhoon Committee; technical and substantive support for SPECA, including participation in the SPECA Project Working Group on Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources;

(d) Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

(i) Advisory services on: space technology applications for environment and sustainable development; strategic environmental management; sustainable development and management of energy resources, energy efficiency policy measures in supply and demand side management, promotion of renewable energy technologies; the implementation of the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment; water and mineral resources development and management, environmental geology and natural disaster reduction;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: meetings of regional working groups on major space applications sectors; meetings of the Dialogue Forum on harmonization of regional initiatives on space technology applications; meetings/workshops on

environmental cooperation in North-east Asia; regional and national workshops/training on sustainable energy policies and strategies, energy efficiency and renewable energy; regional seminars/workshops on development of space technology applications for the Minimum Common Programme; regional, subregional and national workshops to promote the implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development, 2000; seminars/workshops on natural disaster reduction and environmental and urban geology; seminars/workshops on water and mineral resources development and management; training workshops on space technology applications for sustainable development and poverty alleviation;

(iii) Fellowships and grants: long-term and medium-term fellowships on space technology applications; arrangements for technical cooperation among developing countries to facilitate the exchange of information and experiences and the transfer of technologies in the area of environmental management, sustainable energy development, renewable energy and/or energy efficiency;

(iv) Field projects: regional cooperative projects on space technology applications for sustainable development and poverty alleviation under the Minimum Common Programme of phase II of the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development.

Table 17.16 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 5**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Post	4 592.0	4 647.0	36	37
Non-post	224.5	231.2	-	-
Total	**4 816.5**	**4 878.2**	**36**	**37**
Extrabudgetary	2 044.9	2 273.5	6	9

17.44 The increase of $55,000 under posts is due to the inward redeployment from programme support of one Local level post to strengthen the information technology support service of the subprogramme. The small increase of $6,700 under non-post requirements is the net result of additional requirements for consultants and experts ($4,700) and travel ($2,700) and reduced requirements for external printing ($700).

Subprogramme 6
Transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $3,674,400

17.45 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 6 of programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 17.17 Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

Objective: To develop sustainable, efficient, environmentally sound and socially acceptable transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure within the framework of the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (1997-2006) and the Plan of Action for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Asian and Pacific Region (1999-2005).

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Improved transport infrastructure, maintenance and intermodal transport.	(a) (i) The number of countries indicating that recommendations arising from legislative meetings and other activities were appropriately accommodated in planned developments at the national and subregional levels; (ii) The number of countries adopting reforms for sustainable maintenance of the transport infrastructure.
(b) Increased capacity to improve the efficiency of transport operations through reduced physical and non-physical barriers to the movement of transport; improved transport logistics; increased awareness of information and communications technology policies and applications; enhanced capacity to deliver training programmes on transport; and increased participation of key stakeholders in the transport process.	(b) (i) The number of countries initiating action to improve transport logistics, including multimodal transport, facilitation of cross-border and transit movements of goods, people and vehicles, and private sector participation; (ii) Action plans developed to address information and communications technology issues in the transport and other infrastructure sectors; (iii) The number of countries delivering training materials developed by ESCAP; (iv) The number of countries in which the government or private sector officials or NGOs and community-based organizations indicate that participation in transport programmes helped in promoting coordinated policy development.
(c) Strengthened capacity of tourism planners in policy formulation and planning, and increased cooperation among tourism agencies and organizations, and educational and training institutes.	(c) (i) Follow-up actions taken by countries arising out of advisory services, group training and joint meetings; (ii) Active participation by countries in the Network of Asia-Pacific Education and Training Institutes in Tourism (APETIT) and activities initiated with regard to technical cooperation among developing countries.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(d) Increased awareness of environmental, safety, social and other impacts of transport, tourism and other infrastructure; enhanced capacity to develop policies to address those issues on a sustainable basis.	(d) (i) Follow-up activities initiated by countries to improve safety in the transport sector; (ii) The number of countries indicating that recommendations to institutionalize integrated and interactive approaches to transport planning were appropriately accommodated; (iii) The number of countries indicating the adoption of policies and plans to encourage people to move to environmentally sound modes of transport; (iv) Follow-up actions taken by countries to adopt policies and concepts to reduce the environmental impact of transport development and operations; (v) The number of countries acquiring knowledge of participatory approaches to infrastructure development; (vi) Action plans developed to address social issues, promoted by ESCAP.

External factors

17.46 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) member Governments are willing and committed to incorporating environmental, safety, social and other relevant issues into national agendas; (b) political, economic and social conditions at the global and regional levels continue to ensure the expansion of tourism; (c) there is continuing/increasing recognition by Governments of the importance of regional economic cooperation in an era of globalization; (d) member Governments have the political will to implement measures to reduce the number of barriers to the development of transport, in particular transborder transport; (e) extrabudgetary resources are available; (f) member Governments are committed to creating a legislative and regulatory environment conducive to transport logistics; (g) national Governments have the political will to implement transport development plans and are able to mobilize the necessary financial resources for infrastructure development and improvements; (h) an information technology infrastructure is developed; (i) member Governments develop a framework whereby key stakeholders can participate in the decision-making process.

Outputs

17.47 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: Commission: plenary and committees (16); Committee on Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development: plenary (12);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation

a. Commission: reports of the Committee on Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development (2); report on implementation of Commission resolutions 48/11 on road and rail transport modes in relation to facilitation measures and 52/9 on intra-Asia and Asia-Europe land bridges (1); reports on the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (2);

b. Committee on Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development: report on implementation of the joint ESCAP/ECE Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) in the field of transport and border crossing (1); reports on issues related to transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure development (8); report on the implementation of the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (2);

(iii) One ad hoc expert group on networking of inland water transport and dredging institutions;

(b) Other substantive outputs (RB/XB)

(i) Recurrent publications: *ESCAP Tourism Review* (2); review of the developments in transport, communications and other infrastructure (1); *Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific* (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: economic appraisal of railway infrastructure development projects (1); guidelines for road accident costing (1); manual on modernization of inland water transport for integration within multimodal transport system (1); policy issues on sustainable tourism development (1); policy issues related to barrier-free tourism for people with disabilities and the elderly (1); promotion of tourism along the Trans-Asian Railway (1); revised Asian Highway network (1); training material on multimodal transport and logistics (1); Trans-Asian Railway development (1); urban transport planning choices for sustainable development (1);

(iii) Technical material

a. Dissemination of resource materials with respect to WTO negotiations on trade and services (maritime transport) (1); guidelines for the improvement of logistics facilities to expand port hinterlands (1); refining and updating of the ESCAP database on transport and infrastructure (2); updating maritime information on the Internet (1);

b. Audio-visual resources: ESCAP home page on the Asian Highway on the World Wide Web (4); ESCAP home page on the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific on the World Wide Web (4); ESCAP home page on the Trans-Asian Railway on the World Wide Web (4); ESCAP home page on transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure development on the World Wide Web (8);

(c) International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB): collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ADB, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), ASEAN, BIMST-EC, the Economic Cooperation Organization, the European Union, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the Islamic Development Bank, the Mekong River Commission, OECD, the Organization of Railways Cooperation (OSShD), SAARC and the Commonwealth of Independent States in implementing the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific; collaboration with non-governmental organizations, including ASEAN Freight Forwards Association (AFFA), the ASEAN Port Authorities' Association (APAA), Asia Pacific Conference on Transportation and the Environment (APTE), the Association of Shippers' Council of Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka (ASCOBIPS), the Federation of ASEAN Shipowners' Associations (FASA), the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA), the Global Infrastructure Fund, the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP), the International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH), International Union of Railways (UIC), the International Railway Congress Association (IRCA), the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses (PIARC), the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses (PIANC), the International Road Federation (IRF), the International Road Transport Union (IRU) and the World Development Council in implementing the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific; collaboration with the private sector, including the Asia Infrastructure Development Alliance, in implementing the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific; collaboration with the World Tourism Organization, the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) and other tourism-related organizations on tourism development activities; collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including other regional commissions, UNCTAD, UNDP, the Secretariat of the Tumen River Area Development Programme, UNCITRAL, ILO, ICAO, ITU, IMO, UPU and the World Bank in implementing the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific; participation in the network of centres of excellence in urban transport planning in sharing regional experiences in planning choices for sustainable transport development and for improved education, training and research; technical and substantive support for SPECA, including participation in the SPECA Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing;

(d) Technical cooperation (XB)

(i) Advisory services on: information and communications technology in infrastructure sectors; land transportation development; multimodal transport and logistics; private sector participation in infrastructure development; shipping and port development; strengthening national capabilities in sustainable development of tourism; sustainable transportation development; the development of inland water transport; transport facilitation;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: meeting of railway chief executives; meetings of highway chief executives; regional forum on maritime manpower planning, training and employment; regional meeting of freight forwarders associations; regional meetings on the promotion of tourism in the Greater Mekong Subregion; regional meetings on tourism education and training; regional seminar on barrier-free tourism for people with disabilities and the elderly; regional seminar on liberalization of maritime services; seminar on commercial navigation on international rivers; seminar on infrastructure and logistics in support of development at the subnational level; seminar on integration of inland water transport infrastructure within intermodal transport networks; seminar on participatory planning and conflict management in infrastructure

development; seminar on private sector participation in ports; seminar on the improvement of logistics facilities in ports; seminar/workshop on environmentally sound and safe transport; seminar/workshop on promotion of private sector participation in infrastructure development; seminars and workshops on freight forwarding, multimodal transport and logistics; seminars on strengthening national capabilities in sustainable development of tourism; seminars/workshops on information and communications technology in developing infrastructure facilities and services; seminars/workshops on transport infrastructure development, maintenance and facilitation; training workshop on sustainable transport development; tripartite forum between shipowners, shippers and ports;

(iii) Fellowships and grants: arrangements for technical cooperation among developing countries on tourism development and training.

Table 17.18 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 6**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Post	3 459.2	3 569.2	27	29
Non-post	104.5	105.2	-	-
Total	**3 563.7**	**3 674.4**	**27**	**29**
Extrabudgetary	1 880.2	2 342.0	12	5

17.48 The increase of $110,000 under posts is due to the inward redeployment from programme support of two Local-level posts to strengthen the information technology and research support services of the subprogramme. The non-post resources provide for consultants and experts, travel of staff and external printing of publications.

Subprogramme 7
Statistics

Resource requirements (before recosting): $2,342,400

17.49 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Statistics Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 7 of programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 17.19 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement**

Objective: To improve the statistical capabilities of the countries/areas of the region for informed decision-making and to promote their use of information technology in the public sector, and to make comparable statistical information on the region widely and promptly available.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Increased capacity in the region, especially in least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, to identify, collect, process, analyse and utilize data needed for national development, including the capacity to support analysis of gender issues, poverty characteristics and emerging economic and social problems.	(a) (i) The volume of quality data, especially those of contemporary concern, produced by countries in the region; (ii) The number of countries subscribing to the special data dissemination standard and adhering to the general data dissemination system; (iii) The number of countries with evidence-based policies on gender issues and on poverty; (iv) The number of participants, especially from least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, indicating that meetings and training by ESCAP made significant contribution to their capacity to identify, collect, process, analyse and utilize data needed for national development.
(b) Improved coordination, and sharing of information on statistical development and statistical standards in the region, and improved availability of comparable statistical data on countries of the region.	(b) (i) The provision by countries in the region of papers for legislative and technical meetings; (ii) The level of participation by countries and agencies in regional statistical forums; (iii) Improved availability of comparable statistical data on countries of the region; (iv) Contribution of statistical documentation and the relevant home page to improved coordination, collaboration and sharing of information and statistical development and statistical standards in the region; (v) The number of joint statistical programmes/activities developed by ESCAP and other organizations.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(c) More systematic information technology planning and adoption of more coherent policies in this field.	(c) (i) The number of countries and national statistical services adopting information technology plans and strategies; (ii) The number of national statistical and information technology-related web sites in the region.

External factors

17.50 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) the relevant organizations within and outside the United Nations system cooperate with ESCAP; (b) member Governments accord high priority to the work on statistical development in national development plans; (c) member Governments continue to supply relevant information to the secretariat in a timely manner; (d) the Governing Board of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) takes into account the decisions and recommendations of the Committee on Statistics when formulating SIAP training programmes for statisticians in Asia and the Pacific; (e) extrabudgetary resources are available so as to assist, in particular, representatives of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries to attend formal meetings at ESCAP.

Outputs

17.51 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB/XB)

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: Commission: plenary and committees (16); Committee on Statistics: plenary (6);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: Commission: report of the Committee on Statistics (1); report on issues related to statistics (1); Committee on Statistics: report of the Working Group of Statistical Experts (1); report on activities of the secretariat since the twelfth session of the Committee (1); report on issues in computerization in the public sector as they affect national statistical offices (1); reports on issues related to statistics (4);

(iii) Ad hoc expert groups: Working Group of Statistical Experts (1);

(b) Other substantive outputs (RB/XB)

(i) Recurrent publications: *Asia-Pacific in Figures* (2); *Foreign Trade Statistics of Asia and the Pacific* (1); *Statistical Indicators for Asia and the Pacific* (8); *Statistical Newsletter* (8); *Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific* (2);

(ii) Exhibit for the Committee on Statistics (1);

(iii) Fact sheets on general/thematic statistics (2);

(iv) Technical material: data disseminated on electronic media (such as Internet, CD-ROM and diskettes) (2); operation and maintenance of the ESCAP Statistical Information System (2); responses to ad hoc requests from outside users for statistical information (2); ESCAP home page on statistics on the World Wide Web (104);

(c) International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB): collaboration with national and supranational organizations outside the United Nations system, including the East-West Center, the ASEAN secretariat and the Pacific Community; collaboration with non-governmental organizations, including the International Statistical Institute; collaboration with the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities; collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the United Nations Statistical Commission, regional conferences of statisticians and the FAO Asia-Pacific Commission on Agricultural Statistics; technical and substantive support for SIAP, including assistance in the organization of group training; technical and substantive support for UNFPA country technical services teams in the region;

(d) Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

(i) Advisory services on statistics on gender issues, other aspects of socio-economic statistics and indicators and application of information technology;

(ii) Regional/subregional workshops on economic and environmental statistics, including national accounts and environmental accounting, and the application of information technology; regional/subregional workshops on gender issues and other aspects of social and demographic statistics, including the follow-up to global conferences.

Table 17.20 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 7**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Post	2 165.3	2 220.3	21	22
Non-post	92.7	122.1	-	-
Total	**2 258.0**	**2 342.4**	**21**	**22**
Extrabudgetary	1 520.4	771.0	2	2

17.52 The increase of $55,000 under posts is due to the inward redeployment from programme support of one Local-level post to strengthen the information technology support service of the subprogramme. The increase of $29,400 under non-post requirements is the net result of additional requirements for consultants ($14,400), ad hoc expert groups ($7,400) and travel ($11,100) and reduced requirements for external printing ($3,500).

D. Programme support

Resource requirements (before recosting): $26,023,500

17.53 Programme support comprises programme management, library services, conference services and administration and common services.

Outputs

17.54 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Programme management: the Programme Management Division provides substantive and secretariat services for the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, as well as meetings of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission. It coordinates the planning, programming, monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the work programme of the Commission, including its programme of technical cooperation activities, in accordance with the mandates of the Commission and the United Nations global bodies. In addition, the Division assists and advises the Executive Secretary in establishing coherent policy and strategic guidelines on programme planning and the operational activities of ESCAP, as well as on the mobilization, management and use of regular and extrabudgetary resources. It also provides assistance in the management of extrabudgetary resources and the backstopping of technical assistance projects to the three regional institutions subsidiary to ESCAP, namely, the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) in New Delhi, the Regional Coordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific in Bogor, Indonesia, and SIAP in Tokyo;

(b) Library services: these services include library and information technology services, as well as advisory and training services, concerning the information system, and are provided in response to the work programme of the ESCAP secretariat, staff of United Nations agencies in Bangkok and the public and private sector;

(c) Conference services: these include coordination and provision of conference services for meetings of the policy-making organs and other intergovernmental meetings held under the auspices of ESCAP; and provision of editorial services, translation, text-processing and printing of documents and publications;

(d) Administration and common services: these include provision of administrative and support services related to human resources management, financial administration and resource planning, and use of common services to support the implementation of the work programme, including (i) recruitment, placement, career development, staff training, staff administration, staff counselling and medical services; (ii) overall coordination of budgets, financial management, control and treasury services; (iii) general services, including buildings management, security and safety, communications, procurement and transportation; and (iv) electronic data-processing services.

Table 17.21 **Resource requirements: programme support**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Posts	20 310.8	20 079.0	259	252
Non-posts	5 630.2	5 944.5		
Total	**25 941.0**	**26 023.5**	**259**	**252**
Extrabudgetary	8 734.2	7 235.3	14	17

17.55 The decrease of $231,800 under posts is the net result of the following: (a) the outward redeployment of seven Local-level posts to strengthen the information technology support service of various subprogrammes under the programme of work; (b) the delayed impact of the establishment of one P-4 temporary post and one Local-level temporary post in the biennium 2000-2001 to provide support for IMIS operations; and (c) the reclassification of the post of Chief, Conference Services Unit, from the P-3 to the P-4 level.

17.56 The increase of $314,300 under non-post requirements is due mostly to additional requirements for consultants, travel of staff, supplies and materials, acquisition/replacement of data-processing equipment and a new provision representing the contribution of ESCAP to the established Inter-agency Security Plan arrangements for Thailand.

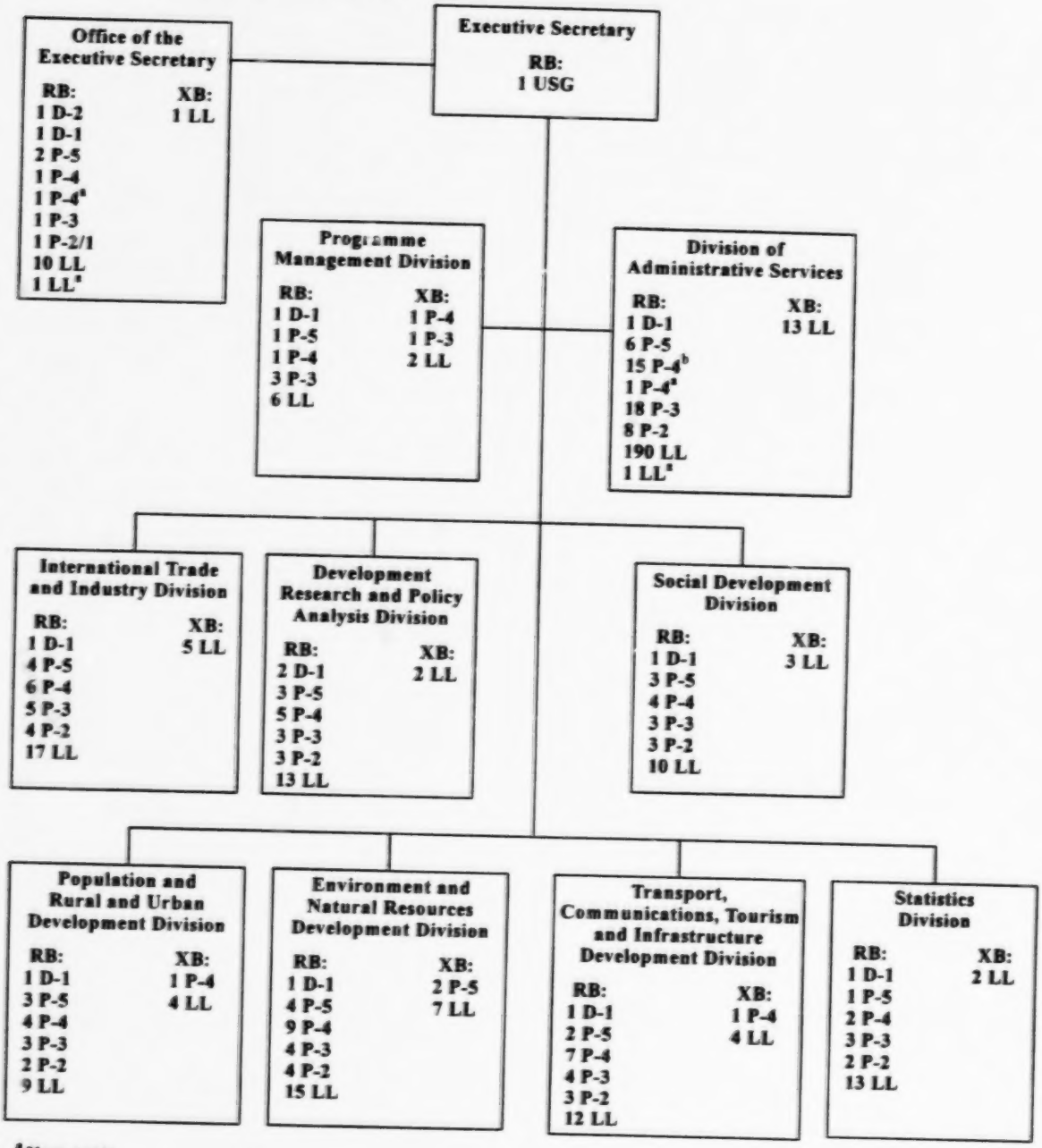
Table 17.22 **Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
General Assembly (Resolution 54/249)	
Expresses deep concern about the underutilization of the conference centres at Bangkok and Addis Ababa, and requests the Secretary-General to develop and implement a strategy for increasing their use, and to report thereon to the General Assembly by the end of the fifty-fourth session (para. 120).	ESCAP continues to actively promote usage of the Conference Centre. In addition to those steps described in the report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the United Nations conference centres at Bangkok and Addis Ababa (A/55/410), upgrading of the post of Chief, Conference Services Unit is requested to further strengthen the management of the Conference Centre. For the biennium 2002-2003, there is a separate allotment account to capture the Conference Centre's total expenditures. Also, an account is established under income section 3 to record all revenues and consequential expenditures related to the renting of the Conference Centre to non-United Nations entities.
Notes with concern the high vacancy rate in the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, which could adversely affect the implementation of mandated programmes and activities, and requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to redress the situation (para. 130).	Through concerted recruitment and placement efforts, ESCAP has continued to reduce the vacancy rate.

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7)	
The Committee requested the Secretary-General to provide information on the extent of the use of videoconferencing and the attendant savings and productivity gains (para. I.36).	In anticipation of increased frequency and cost saving in the application of videoconferencing, ESCAP has recently acquired a set of videoconferencing equipment. It was used several times on personnel and IMIS issues with counterparts at Headquarters.
The Committee requested information on the extent to which IMIS was being used by programme managers in the management of the activities under their purview (para. VIII.47).	Release 3 of IMIS has now been implemented. Evaluations of usage by programme managers will be made in the coming years.
The Committee held the view that steps must be taken to ensure that IMIS, once installed, is adequately maintained in all regional commissions (para. V.12).	Releases 3 and 4 of IMIS will be implemented at ESCAP in 2001. Two temporary posts (one P-4 and one Local level) are being converted to an established basis to support IMIS operations at ESCAP, in addition to the existing resources in the administrative and common services.
The Committee held the view that ESCAP should take into account all relevant factors before deciding on which mode of transfer and/or distribution of publications best meets the needs of the recipients of the Commission's publications (para. V.49).	Publications are distributed on the basis of a mailing list complied with the advice of members and associate members with regard to the recipients, number of copies and mode of delivery. For the biennium 2002-2003, some publications will be issued in electronic form only. The flagship publications, such as the annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*, and *Development Journals* and the biannual *Asia-Pacific Development Journal* will be produced both in hard copies as well as CD-ROMs to meet the needs of developing countries in the region as well as to disseminate the publications for a wider audience within and outside the region. Consideration has been given to carefully monitoring the needs of end-users of ESCAP publications and any changes in mode of transfer and/or distribution of publications will be based on the feedback from major end-users.

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Board of Auditors (A/55/5, volume I)	
The Board recommended that ESCAP should establish norms for rental accommodation as envisaged in the scheme of rental subsidy. The Board also recommended that certifying officers should ensure that all claims for rental subsidies were supported by full and complete documentation in order to determine the reasonableness of the claims (para. 285).	A Working Group on Rental Subsidies at ESCAP has been established to discuss modalities of establishing norms for rental accommodation. The Working Group last met in October 2000 but has yet to complete its review of the type of accommodation, dwelling size and estimated monthly rent based on the information received from the three reputable real estate agencies for consideration and endorsement by the Inter-Agency Cost-of-Living Committee in Bangkok. In the meantime, certifying officers are requested to ensure that all claims for rental subsidy are supported by full and complete documentation in order to determine the reasonableness of the claims.
The Board recommended that ESCAP should request the lessees to adhere to their obligation to pay rent promptly to ESCAP in accordance with the lease agreement and ESCAP should in the future consider including a penalty clause in the lease agreement/contract for delays or non-payment of rent (para. 289).	A monitoring system has been instituted to ensure that there is no delay in following up on receipts at ESCAP. Inclusion of a penalty clause in the lease agreement/contract for delays or for non-payment of rent will be considered when a new lease is negotiated.
Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/54/393)	
In addition to suggesting specific operational improvements, OIOS recommended that: ESCAP develop a comprehensive marketing proposal for its conference centre; ECA finalize its marketing cost plan and assess the feasibility of enhancing its conference facilities; and that both Commissions, in cooperation with the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, formulate a plan to promote using the conference centres for major United Nations meetings and conferences (para. 115).	As noted in the response to paragraph 120 of General Assembly resolution 54/249 above, ESCAP continues to actively promote increased utilization of its Conference Centre, with the support and guidance of Headquarters.

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2002-2003



[a] New posts.
[b] Including one post reclassified from P-3 to P-4.

Annex

Indicative resource requirements
Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

Table A.17.1 **Requirements by component and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Policy-making organs	531.0	903.5	(80.6)	(8.9)	822.9	18.9	**841.8**
Executive direction and management	3 074.1	2 360.7	291.1	12.3	2 651.8	62.0	**2 713.8**
Programme of work	26 141.7	25 206.0	500.4	1.9	25 706.4	519.4	**26 225.8**
Programme support	24 609.4	25 941.0	82.5	0.3	26 023.5	224.2	**26 247.7**
Total	**54 356.2**	**54 411.2**	**793.4**	**1.4**	**55 204.6**	**824.5**	**56 029.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*	*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a) Services in support of:	
-	-	(i) United Nations organizations	-
2 759.0	2 598.8	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	3 429.3
-	-	(b) Substantive activities	-
		(c) Operational projects	
719.6	2 136.7	UNDP	-
3 492.6	1 835.2	UNFPA	2 000.0
16 899.2	16 680.6	Bilateral and other resources	16 980.0
23 870.4	**23 251.3**		**22 409.3**
78 226.6	**77 662.5**		**78 438.4**

Table A.17.2 Requirements by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	46 626.2	46 365.6	289.1	0.6	46 654.7	787.8	47 442.5
Other staff costs	710.7	998.4	(41.6)	(4.1)	956.8	(6.0)	950.8
Consultants and experts	412.0	552.4	185.9	33.6	738.3	(4.7)	733.6
Travel of staff	939.3	1 267.2	58.5	4.6	1 325.7	72.7	1 398.4
Contractual services	494.2	461.8	45.3	9.8	507.1	(3.3)	503.8
General operating expenses	3 194.7	3 223.3	4.7	0.1	3 228.0	(20.7)	3 207.3
Hospitality	14.6	18.3	0.8	4.3	19.1	(0.2)	18.9
Supplies and materials	597.5	542.1	14.9	2.7	557.0	(3.4)	553.6
Furniture and equipment	1 367.0	982.1	178.1	18.1	1 160.2	2.8	1 163.0
Grants and contributions	-	-	57.7	-	57.7	(0.5)	57.2
Total	**54 356.2**	**54 411.2**	**793.4**	**1.4**	**55 204.6**	**824.5**	**56 029.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 estimate*	*2002-2003 estimate*
Posts	3 602.4	3 058.2	3 144.3
Other staff costs	1 639.6	3 369.9	2 660.0
Consultants and experts	6 503.6	2 280.0	1 538.0
Travel of staff	1 404.2	1 252.7	951.0
Contractual services	1 536.1	1 671.1	276.0
General operating expenses	867.8	437.2	352.5
Supplies and materials	87.2	313.6	277.5
Furniture and equipment	150.4	775.7	-
Grants and contributions	2 525.5	323.7	474.0
Other	5 553.6	9 769.2	12 736.0
Total	**23 870.4**	**23 251.3**	**22 409.3**
Total (1) and (2)	**78 226.6**	**77 662.5**	**78 438.4**

Table A.17.3 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	11	11	-	-	-	-	11	11
P-5	29	29	-	-	11	2	40	31
P-4/3	101	103	1		2	4	104	107
P-2/1	30	30	-	-	-	-	30	30
Subtotal	**173**	**175**	**1**		**13**	**6**	**187**	**181**
Other								
Local level	295	297	1		41	43	337	340
Subtotal	**295**	**297**	**1**		**41**	**43**	**337**	**340**
Total	**468**	**472**	**2**		**54**	**49**	**524**	**521**

Policy-making organs

Table A.17.4 **Requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

Object of expenditure	1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 appropriation	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2002-2003 estimate
			Amount	Percentage			
Other staff costs	286.5	311.3	(44.2)	(14.1)	267.1	(1.6)	265.5
Consultants and experts	41.2	71.4	0.4	0.5	71.8	(0.6)	71.2
Travel of staff	144.3	435.8	(40.4)	(9.2)	395.4	21.7	417.1
Contractual services	43.3	55.0	0.4	0.7	55.4	(0.5)	54.9
General operating expenses	7.2	7.8	1.6	20.5	9.4	-	9.4
Hospitality	6.1	8.1	0.5	6.1	8.6	-	8.6
Supplies and materials	2.4	14.1	1.1	7.8	15.2	(0.1)	15.1
Total	**531.0**	**903.5**	**(80.6)**	**(8.9)**	**822.9**	**18.9**	**841.8**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Other staff costs

A.17.1 The provision of $267,100, reflecting a decrease of $44,200 is based upon expenditure experience and covers temporary assistance requirements, in particular for interpretation and translation, in connection with the annual sessions of the Commission and meetings of committees, intergovernmental and special bodies, and ad hoc ministerial conferences.

Consultants and experts

A.17.2 The requirement of $71,800 is broken down as follows: (a) $14,500 for consultants in connection with the preparation of special studies on the themes to be decided upon by the Commission at its annual sessions in 2002 and 2003; (b) $57,300 for holding a panel discussion as part of the ministerial segment of each annual session of the Commission.

Travel of staff

A.17.3 The amount of $395,400, reflecting a decrease of $40,400 is based upon expenditure experience and provides for the travel costs of conference-servicing staff from Headquarters and/or Geneva to service the Commission sessions and other meetings held under the auspices of ESCAP.

Contractual services

A.17.4 The amount of $55,400 covers the requirements for (a) editorial services during periods of peak workload, in particular for the Commission's pre-session documentation; (b) all the documentation of the Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation; (c) the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*; and (d) the printing costs of the special thematic studies mandated by the Commission.

General operating expenses

A.17.5 The amount of $9,400, reflecting an increase of $1,600, provides for miscellaneous services associated with the annual sessions of the Commission.

Hospitality

A.17.6 The amount of $8,600, reflecting an increase of $500, relates to official functions extended on behalf of the United Nations to delegations/participants to the annual Commission sessions.

Supplies and materials

A.17.7 The amount of $15,200, reflecting an increase of $1,100, provides for stationery and supplies including audio/videotapes, film, information kits, and CD-ROMs and diskettes in connection with the sessions of the Commission and other meetings.

Executive direction and management

Table A.17.5 Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 869.7	2 139.9	190.9	8.9	2 330.8	50.9	2 381.7
Consultants and experts	-	-	60.7	-	60.7	(0.4)	60.3
Travel of staff	185.7	202.9	11.7	5.7	214.6	11.7	226.3
Contractual services	13.1	13.1	25.4	193.8	38.5	(0.3)	38.2
Supplies and materials	5.6	4.8	(0.5)	(10.4)	4.3	-	4.3
Furniture and equipment	-	-	2.9	-	2.9	0.1	3.0
Total	**3 074.1**	**2 360.7**	**291.1**	**12.3**	**2 651.8**	**62.0**	**2 713.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*	*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a) Services in support of:	
-	-	(i) United Nations organizations	-
50.4	45.7	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	60.5
-	-	(b) Substantive activities	-
		(c) Operational projects	
131.5	-	Bilateral and other resources	-
181.9	**45.7**		**60.5**
3 256.0	**2 741.2**		**2 774.3**

Table A.17.6 Post requirements

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-4/3	2	3	-	-	-	-	2	3
P-2/1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Subtotal	**8**	**9**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**8**	**9**
Other								
Local level	9	11	-	-	2	1	11	12
Subtotal	**9**	**11**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**1**	**11**	**12**
Total	**17**	**20**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**1**	**19**	**21**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.17.8 The requirements of $2,330,800, reflecting an increase of $190,900, provide for the posts shown in table A.17.6. The increase is due to: (a) the establishment of one new P-4 post for a web site coordinator, the functions of which are: (i) to formulate and implement the strategy for the structure and development of the ESCAP web site and Intranet; (ii) to monitor and maintain the web site and Intranet; and (iii) liaise with Headquarters and other United Nations agencies on issues related to the web site; (b) the establishment of one Local-level post to provide support in the coordination, management and development of the web site and Intranet; and (c) redeployment from subprogramme 1 of one Local-level post to strengthen ESCAP public information activities, in particular in the preparation of promotional materials and multimedia products.

Consultants and experts

A.17.9 The amount of $60,700 provides for specialized expertise to carry out studies related to gender mainstreaming at ESCAP, relevance/usefulness/impact of outputs in selected areas of work; and the design of the standard layout applicable for all ESCAP newsletters.

Travel of staff

A.17.10 The requirement of $214,600, reflecting an increase of $11,700, is broken down as follows: (a) $199,600 for travel of the Executive Secretary and his immediate staff to attend meetings within and outside the region for consultations with Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, for coordination with other United Nations entities and to represent the Secretary-General, as required, and (b) $15,000 for UNIS staff to perform designated functions on behalf of the Department of Public Information for seven countries/areas and its work for ESCAP in the region, as well as a biennial visit to United Nations Headquarters to hold consultations or attend briefings with the Department of Public Information and to represent UNIS/ESCAP at international conferences or United Nations observances organized by the

Secretariat at United Nations Headquarters. The increase of $11,700 reflects additional requirements for travel of the Executive Secretary.

Contractual services

A.17.11 The amount of $38,500, reflecting an increase of $25,400, covers the cost of (a) external printing of an updated "ESCAP Profile", "UN Focus" quarterly, cover of "CD-ROM on ESCAP", "ESCAP Poster" updated "Media Handbook" and other information materials; (b) contribution to the "United Nations in Asia and the Pacific" inter-agency newsletter; (c) production and reproduction of a multimedia CD-ROM on ESCAP, production of exhibitions on various occasions; production of other audio-visual products; (d) translation of information materials into other languages of the region; (e) professional assistance for photographic productions, including the hiring of a professional photographer and cameraman for special occasions; (f) advertising and promotion materials. The increase of $25,400 relates to the production and reproduction of "CD-ROM on ESCAP", advertising and promotion materials.

Supplies and materials

A.17.12 The amount of $4,300, reflecting a small decrease of $500, is required for photographic film, supplies for special events and other supplies required for the distribution of information materials.

Furniture and equipment

A.17.13 The amount of $2,900 provides for public information equipment and tools needed for UNIS work.

Programme of work

Table A.17.7 **Percentage distribution of resources by subprogramme**

Subprogramme	*Regular budget*	*Extrabudgetary*
1. Regional economic cooperation	21.0	24.0
2. Development research and policy analysis	7.0	4.0
3. Social development	12.0	12.0
4. Population and rural and urban development	22.0	24.0
5. Environment and natural resources development	14.0	15.0
6. Transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure development	13.0	16.0
7. Statistics	11.0	5.0
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table A.17.8 **Requirements by subprogramme and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Subprogramme	1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 appropriation	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2002-2003 estimate
			Amount	Percentage			
1. Regional economic cooperation	5 344.9	4 662.7	(54.8)	(1.1)	4 607.9	118.3	4 726.2
2. Development research and policy analysis	3 977.5	3 773.7	161.8	4.2	3 935.5	102.9	4 038.4
3. Social development	2 605.5	3 111.2	117.6	3.7	3 228.8	20.6	3 249.4
4. Population and rural and urban development	3 150.9	3 020.2	19.0	0.6	3 039.2	(16.2)	3 023.0
5. Environment and natural resources development	5 548.9	4 816.5	61.7	1.2	4 878.2	136.6	5 014.8
6. Transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure development	3 288.0	3 563.7	110.7	3.1	3 674.4	105.2	3 779.6
7. Statistics	2 226.0	2 258.0	84.4	3.7	2 342.4	52.0	2 394.4
Total	**26 141.7**	**25 206.0**	**500.4**	**1.9**	**25 706.4**	**519.4**	**26 225.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 estimate	Source of funds	2002-2003 estimate
		(a) Services in support of:	
-	-	(i) United Nations organizations	-
1 285.2	1 160.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	1 633.5
-	-	(b) Substantive activities	-
		(c) Operational projects	
648.6	936.7	UNDP	-
3 492.6	1 835.2	UNFPA	2 000.0
11 308.4	10 539.5	Bilateral and other resources	11 480.0
Total	**16 734.8**	**14 471.4**	**15 113.5**
Total (1) and (2)	**42 876.5**	**39 677.4**	**41 339.3**

Table A.17.9 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts: Regular budget		Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary		Total	
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
D-1	8	8	-	-	-	-	8	8
P-5	20	20	-	-	11	2	31	22
P-4/3	62	62	-	-	1	2	63	64
P-2/1	21	21	-	-	-	-	21	21
Subtotal	**111**	**111**	**-**	**-**	**12**	**4**	**123**	**115**
Other								
Local level	83	89	-	-	26	27	109	116
Subtotal	**83**	**89**	**-**	**-**	**26**	**27**	**109**	**116**
Total	**194**	**200**	**-**	**-**	**38**	**31**	**232**	**231**

Subprogramme 1
Regional economic cooperation

Table A.17.10 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 appropriation	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	2002-2003 estimate
Posts	5 073.6	4 410.6	(55.0)	(1.2)	4 355.6	114.5	4 470.1
Consultants and experts	136.5	145.4	5.4	3.7	150.8	(0.4)	150.4
Travel of staff	127.3	81.4	(0.2)	(0.2)	81.2	4.3	85.5
Contractual services	7.5	25.3	(5.0)	(19.7)	20.3	(0.1)	20.2
Total	**5 344.9**	**4 662.7**	**(54.8)**	**(1.1)**	**4 607.9**	**118.3**	**4 726.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 estimate	Source of funds	2002-2003 estimate
		(a) Services in support of:	
-	-	(i) United Nations organizations	-
242.2	181.9	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	302.5
-	-	(b) Substantive activities	-
		(c) Operational projects	
47.7	4.8	UNDP	-
2 600.9	2 870.4	Bilateral and other resources	3 350.0
2 890.8	**3 057.1**		**3 652.5**
8 235.7	**7 719.8**		**8 378.7**

Table A.17.11 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
P-4/3	11	11	-	-	-	-	11	11
P-2/1	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Subtotal	**20**	**20**	-	-	-	-	**20**	**20**
Other								
Local level	18	17	-	-	5	5	23	22
Subtotal	**18**	**17**	-	-	**5**	**5**	**23**	**22**
Total	**38**	**37**	-	-	**5**	**5**	**43**	**42**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.17.14 The requirements of $4,355,600, reflecting a decrease of $55,000, provides for the posts shown in table A.17.11. It is proposed to redeploy one Local-level post to executive direction and management to strengthen the United Nations Information Services, in particular in the preparation of promotional materials and multimedia products.

Consultants and experts

A.17.15 The requirement of $150,800, including an increase of $5,400, is broken down as follows: (a) $63,300 for consultants to provide expertise not available in the secretariat for the preparation of reports and background papers on subjects such as coherent policies and strategies for regional economic cooperation, the emerging agenda for WTO liberalization and its implications for disadvantaged economies, capacity-building and awareness of information technology in the areas of trade promotion and electronic commerce, promotion of resource-based-export-oriented small and medium-sized enterprises for poverty alleviation in Asia, use of information technology to promote the access of small and medium-sized enterprises to environmentally sound technologies; updating the ESCAP home page by trade policy, trade promotion, trade facilitation, industry and technology; (b) $87,500 for the ad hoc expert groups described in paragraph 17.27 (a) (iii) above. The increase of $5,400 is the net result of additional requirements of $13,400 for ad hoc expert groups and reduced requirements of $8,000 for consultants.

Travel of staff

A.17.16 The requirement of $ 81,200, provides for the travel of staff members (a) to attend the meetings of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board, WTO, UNIDO, the ITC Joint Advisory Group, the meetings on trade and promotion organized by ITC, the meetings of the ADB Trade Facilitation Working Group, ADB/Greater Mekong Subregion Ministerial Conference and the SPECA Project Working Group on Restructuring Manufacturing Industries with a view to creating Internationally Competitive Enterprises; the Commission on Science and Technology for Development; (b) to

provide technical and substantive support for BIMST-EC; ESCAP Trade and Investment Information Network; and the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology; (c) to render advisory services on promoting industrial development and restructuring through trade and investment policy reforms; and on promoting foreign direct investment in disadvantaged groups of countries.

Contractual services

A.17.17 The amount of $20,300, reflecting a decrease of $5,000, provides for the cost of external production, including printing and binding, of the *Directory of Trade and Investment-related Organizations of Developing Countries in Asia and the Pacific*; the *Industrial and Technological Development Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific*; and the *Current Issues on Industry, Trade and Technology*.

Subprogramme 2
Development research and policy analysis

Table A.17.12 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 756.6	3 486.5	55.0	1.5	3 541.5	94.4	3 635.9
Consultants and experts	53.9	74.8	55.1	73.6	129.9	(1.2)	128.7
Travel of staff	105.1	150.9	37.3	24.7	188.2	10.3	198.5
Contractual services	61.9	61.5	14.4	23.4	75.9	(0.6)	75.3
Total	**3 977.5**	**3 773.7**	**161.8**	**4.2**	**3 935.5**	**102.9**	**4 038.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*	*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a) Services in support of:	
-	-	(i) United Nations organizations	-
71.1	55.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	121.0
-	-	(b) Substantive activities	-
		(c) Operational projects	
10.1	345.7	UNDP	-
-	-	UNFPA	-
816.4	591.9	Bilateral and other resources	500.0
897.6	**992.8**		**621.0**
4 875.1	**4 766.5**		**4 659.4**

Table A.17.13 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts: Regular budget		Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary		Total	
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
D-1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-5	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
P-4/3	8	8	-	-	-	-	8	8
P-2/1	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Subtotal	**16**	**16**	-	-	-	-	**16**	**16**
Other								
Local level	12	13	-	-	2	2	14	15
Subtotal	**12**	**13**	-	-	**2**	**2**	**14**	**15**
Total	**28**	**29**	-	-	**2**	**2**	**30**	**31**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.17.18 The requirement of $3,541,500, reflecting an increase of $55,000, provides for the posts shown in table A.17.13 above. The increase is due to the inward redeployment from programme support of one Local-level post to strengthen the information technology support service of the subprogramme.

Consultants and experts

A.17.19 The requirement of $129,900, including an increase of $55,100 is broken down as follows: (a) $95,600 for consultancy services to prepare background country papers and analyses on specialized topics for the annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*; to undertake studies on good practices, operational experience and concrete achievements with respect to the process and implementation of economic, financial and social reforms, stabilization policies and structural adjustment programmes in countries of the ESCAP region; to carry out studies on facilitating the integration and full participation of least developed, landlocked and Pacific island developing countries in the global and regional economies and on the needs of the countries concerned so as to enable them to benefit from the process of globalization and liberalization, as well as from developments in information technology; (b) $34,300 for organizing the ad hoc expert groups described in paragraph 17.31 (a) (iii). The increase of $55,100 includes additional requirements of $38,900 for consultancy services and $16,200 for ad hoc expert groups.

Travel of staff

A.17.20 The requirement of $188,200, including an increase of $37,300, is broken down as follows: (a) $76,600, reflecting an increase of $11,100, to attend the annual meetings of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York to exchange views and coordinate the preparation of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* and the *World Economic Survey*; the annual meetings of the Committee for Development Policy and Project LINK meetings in New York; the annual sessions of ADB in Manila; the annual meetings of UNCTAD on follow-up to the Third

United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries; the annual meetings of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board on matters related to least developed countries; the annual meetings of the Heads of the Island Countries Investment Promotion Agencies; and for the Head of ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre, Port Vila, Vanuatu, to attend the annual sessions of the Commission and the Special Bodies; (b) $111,600, including an increase of $26,200 to collect country data and information, and consultation with authorities in countries of the region on development issues and policies for preparation of the annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* and parliamentary documents; to consult Governments on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s and the follow-up to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries; to consult intergovernmental organizations on macroeconomic reforms and sustainable development issues for Pacific island countries; to consult ADB on matters related to least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition; to provide advisory services on macroeconomic policy and related institution-building in least developed countries, landlocked countries, and island developing States and countries with economies in transition; to provide advisory services on promotion of sustainable development in island developing States, and also to participate in evaluation exercises; and for the Head of the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre, Port Vila, Vanuatu, to consult intergovernmental organizations on matters related to Pacific island developing countries.

Contractual services

A.17.21 The amount of $75,900, reflecting an increase of $14,400, provides for the cost of external production, including printing and binding of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*, *Asia-Pacific Development Journal*, and *Development Papers*. The requirements also cover cost related to the production of CD-ROMs for the same publications.

Subprogramme 3
Social development

Table A.17.14 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 434.7	2 920.9	110.0	3.7	3 030.9	17.5	3 048.4
Consultants and experts	50.8	76.5	21.0	27.4	97.5	(0.4)	97.1
Travel of staff	93.3	89.5	(20.0)	(22.3)	69.5	3.7	73.2
Contractual services	26.7	24.3	6.6	27.1	30.9	(0.2)	30.7
Total	**2 605.5**	**3 111.2**	**117.6**	**3.7**	**3 228.8**	**20.6**	**3 249.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 estimate	Source of funds	2002-2003 estimate
		(a) Services in support of:	
-	-	(i) United Nations organizations	-
102.8	93.8	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	181.5
-	-	(b) Substantive activities	-
		(c) Operational projects	
276.7	99.5	UNDP	-
3 229.6	1 463.7	Bilateral and other resources	1 710.0
3 609.1	**1 657.0**	**Total**	**1 891.5**
6 214.6	**4 768.2**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**5 140.9**

Table A.17.15 Post requirements

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts: Regular budget		Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary		Total	
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
P-4/3	7	7	-	-	-	-	7	7
P-2/1	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Subtotal	**14**	**14**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**14**	**14**
General Service								
Other categories								
Local level	8	10	-	-	4	3	12	13
Subtotal	**8**	**10**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**3**	**12**	**13**
Total	**22**	**24**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**3**	**26**	**27**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.17.22 The provision of $3,030,900, reflecting an increase of $110,000, is for the posts shown in table A.17.15. The increase is due to the inward redeployment of two Local-level posts from programme support to strengthen the information technology and research support services of the subprogramme.

Consultants and experts

A.17.23 The requirement of $97,500, including an increase of $21,000, is broken down as follows: (a) $49,600, reflecting an increase of $8,400, for specialized consultancy services not available in the secretariat for the preparation of the following studies, papers or materials: background paper relating to social development issues for the annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*; background papers for the Sixth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social

Development; background documents for the ad hoc expert group meeting on integrated policies and programmes on sexual and reproductive health and prevention of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse among youth; technical inputs (content development and information and communications technology support) for the ESCAP home page on human resources development on the World Wide Web and information materials on key human resources development issues; human resources development training modules on emerging needs in the region: information and communications technology, life skills and conflict management, for use under the ESCAP human resources development courses for training of national personnel; background papers for the expert group meeting on regional implementation and monitoring of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly entitled: "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"; Database on women in development programmes and projects carried out by United Nations agencies and bodies; (b) $47,900, including an increase of $12,600, for the organization of the ad hoc expert group meetings described in paragraph 17.35 (a) (iii).

Travel of staff

A.17.24 The amount of $69,500, reflecting a reduction of $20,000, is required for the following: (a) attendance at sessions/meetings of: the Commission for Social Development; the Technical Committee and/or the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002; the intergovernmental and inter-agency coordination meetings on issues related to social development; the relevant bodies of the United Nations system and other organizations in the field of human resources development; youth, including inter-agency meetings in connection with the fifth session of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations System and the second session of the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, as well as at both the World Youth Forum and the World Conference; the Commission on the Status of Women, and the Administrative Committee on Coordination Inter-agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality; (b) provision of advisory services and consultations with Governments and organizations on: implementation of the Copenhagen Programme of Action on Social Development and the Agenda for Action on Regional Social Development; the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region; conduct of national training needs assessments as inputs to the organization and conduct of the ESCAP human resources development courses for poverty alleviation and for youth development; and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global review outcome, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and its optional protocol.

Contractual services

A.17.25 The amount of $30,900, reflecting an increase of $6,600, provides for the cost of external production, including printing and binding of the following publications: the ESCAP Social Action Update; successful practices and emerging issues in the implementation of the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing in Asia and the Pacific; Strengthening policies and programmes for the empowerment and integration of the poor and disadvantaged groups; Promoting human resources development among youth in the Greater Mekong Subregion and South Asia: integrated policies and programmes for sexual and reproductive health, and prevention of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse; enhancing human resources development among youth: income-generation activities that work; guidelines and indicators for monitoring implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action; and the Status of Women in Asia and the Pacific.

Subprogramme 4
Population and rural and urban development

Table A.17.16 Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 appropriation	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2002-2003 estimate
			Amount	Percentage			
Posts	3 035.5	2 880.4	-	-	2 880.4	(19.5)	2 860.9
Other staff costs	13.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consultants and experts	27.5	41.1	14.8	36.0	55.9	(0.5)	55.4
Travel of staff	54.7	69.0	2.6	3.7	71.6	4.0	75.6
Contractual services	20.0	29.7	1.6	5.3	31.3	(0.2)	31.1
Total	**3 150.9**	**3 020.2**	**19.0**	**0.6**	**3 039.2**	**(16.2)**	**3 023.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 estimate	Source of funds	2002-2003 estimate
		(a) Services in support of:	
-	-	(i) United Nations organizations	-
212.5	348.6	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	242.0
-	-	(b) Substantive activities	-
		(c) Operational projects	
2 855.5	1 340.0	UNFPA	1 700.0
906.6	1 630.7	Bilateral and other resources	1 620.0
3 974.6	**3 319.3**		**3 562.0**
7 125.5	**6 339.5**		**6.585.0**

Table A.17.17 Post requirements

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
P-4/3	7	7	-	-	1	1	8	8
P-2/1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Subtotal	**13**	**13**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**1**	**14**	**14**
Other								
Local level	9	9	-	-	6	4	15	13
Subtotal	**9**	**9**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**4**	**15**	**13**
Total	**22**	**22**	**-**	**-**	**7**	**5**	**29**	**27**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.17.26 The requirements of $2,880,400 provides for the continuation of the posts shown in table A.17.17.

Consultants and experts

A.17.27 The requirement of $55,900, reflecting an increase of $14,800, is broken down as follows: (a) $26,000, including an increase of $800, for specialized consultancy services not available in the secretariat for the preparation of background papers for the following outputs or intermediate activities: relevant indicators and management information systems for monitoring and evaluation of population and poverty alleviation programmes; intra-regional migration flows in the ESCAP region; issues related to population and rural poverty alleviation for the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference; and interrelationship between rural poverty reduction and information technology; (b) $29,900, including an increase of $14,000 for the organization of the ad hoc expert group meetings described in paragraph 17.37 (a) (iii).

Travel of staff

A.17.28 The amount of $71,600, reflecting an increase of $2,600, is required for the following: (a) attendance at meetings/sessions of the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission on Human Settlements, the Technical Committee of the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP); other meetings related to rural poverty and agricultural and rural development; the Executive Committee Meetings of the Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements (CITYNET); the Executive Board Meetings of the Network of Local Government Training and Research Institutes (LOGOTRI); the Executive Committee meetings of the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR), etc.; (b) to provide advisory services on population and development issues, reproductive health, demographic analysis, and population information management and dissemination; to gather information, discuss and consult governments, local officials and experts in connection with emerging issues related to microfinance and rural poverty reduction, population and rural poverty alleviation for the preparation of a paper to the Commission, to coordinate and monitor the preparation of case studies on local government systems; to provide technical advice for local government officials on the formulation of urban policies and their impact on urban poverty eradication; and to develop an Internet-based learning system and establish regional resource centres in selected countries of the region and related advisory services.

Contractual services

A.17.29 The amount of $31,300, reflecting an increase of $1,600, provides for the cost of external printing of the *Asia-Pacific Population Journal*; *Poverty Alleviation Initiatives Newsletter*; ESCAP population data sheets; and critical analysis of urban policies and their impact on urban poverty eradication.

Subprogramme 5
Environment and natural resources development

Table A.17.18 Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	5 347.3	4 592.0	55.0	1.1	4 647.0	132.1	4 779.1
Consultants and experts	88.5	82.8	4.7	5.6	87.5	(1.1)	86.4
Travel of staff	65.4	97.2	2.7	2.7	99.9	5.6	105.5
Contractual services	47.7	44.5	(0.7)	(1.5)	43.8	-	43.8
Total	**5 548.9**	**4 816.5**	**61.7**	**1.2**	**4 878.2**	**136.6**	**5 014.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*	*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a) Services in support of:	
-	-	(i) United Nations organizations	-
258.8	198.1	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	423.5
-	-	(b) Substantive activities	-
		(c) Operational projects	
66.3	12.8	UNDP	-
2 084.7	1 834.0	Bilateral and other resources	1 850.0
2 409.8	**2 044.9**		**2 273.5**
7 958.7	**6 861.4**		**7 288.3**

Table A.17.19 Post requirements

Category	*Established regular budget posts*		*Temporary posts*				*Total*	
			Regular budget		*Extrabudgetary*			
	2000-2001	*2002-2003*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Professional and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	4	4	-	-	2	2	6	6
P-4/3	13	13	-	-	-	-	13	13
P-2/1	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Subtotal	**22**	**22**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**2**	**24**	**24**
General Service								
Other								
Local level	14	15	-	-	4	7	18	22
Subtotal	**14**	**15**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**7**	**18**	**22**
Total	**36**	**37**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**9**	**42**	**46**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.17.30 The amount of $4,647,000, reflecting an increase of $55,000, provides for the posts shown in table A.17.19. The increase is due to the inward redeployment from programme support of one Local-level post to strengthen the information technology support service of the subprogramme.

Consultants and experts

A.17.31 The amount of $87,500, reflecting an increase of $4,700, is required as follows: (a) $46,200, including an increase of $800, for specialized consultancy services not available in the secretariat for the preparation of publications, papers and materials, such as: assessment of gender mainstreaming in the implementation of the outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2000; survey and research on the application of information and communications technologies for environmental improvements; information kits on the implementation of the outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2000; an overview paper on the end-use energy efficiency trends and recommended strategies for an ad hoc expert group meeting; updating the home page on energy by converting publications for access and distribution through the Internet; inputs for the ad hoc expert group on policies for promotion and integration of space applications for poverty alleviation; background papers for an ad hoc expert group meeting on policy options and planning in sustainable development of land and mineral resources in Asia; input to one issue of the *Atlas of Mineral Resources of the ESCAP Region*; input to the *Atlas of Urban Geology* series; input to *Water Resources Series* No. 83, Manual on Water Conservation Planning; inputs to the study on the framework of association of regional space industries to support sustainable development; updating the ESCAP home page on the Space Technology Applications Programme for Sustainable Development on the World Wide Web; (b) $41,300, including an increase of $3,900, for the organization of the ad hoc expert group meetings described in paragraph 17.41 (a) (iii).

Travel of staff

A.17.32 The amount of $99,900 reflecting an increase of $2,700 is required for the following: (a) attendance at meetings/sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development; the Asia-Pacific regional seminar on climate change, and subregional meetings on environmental action plans in South Asia, South-east Asia and the Pacific; agencies and other counterpart organizations on matters related to capacity-building in the area of sustainable energy development; the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development; the Administrative Committee on Coordination Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities; the regional initiatives Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum; Asia-Pacific Multilateral Cooperation Meeting on Space Technology Applications, and ASEAN Subcommittee on Space Applications; the Mekong River Commission on matters related to sustainable development of natural resources; the Coordinating Committee for Coastal and Offshore Geoscience Programmes in East and South-east Asia; the SPECA Project Working Group on Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources; the World Fresh Water Year Meeting; the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Water Resources; the Typhoon Committee; the Panel on Tropical Cyclones; (b) consultative missions on the implementation of recommendations of the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development and gathering information for the ad hoc expert group meeting; consultative missions with the Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Cooperation on the formulation of joint activities;

consultative missions with ADB in the formulation of joint activities related to water and mineral resources management; advisory services on specific energy issues.

Contractual services

A.17.33 The amount of $43,800, reflecting a decrease of $700, provides for the cost of external printing and binding of publications, including *Energy Resources Development* series; *Electric Power in Asia and the Pacific, 1999-2000*; *Atlas of Mineral Resources of the ESCAP Region*; *Mineral Resources Assessment, Development and Management Series*; *Mineral Concentrations and Hydrocarbon Accumulations in the ESCAP Region*; *Atlas of Urban Geology* series; *Water Resources Series*; *Asian-Pacific Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System Journal*; Towards the achievement of sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific — policies and actions; Strategic environmental management: status and implementation, South Asia; Strategic environmental management: status and implementation, South-east Asia; Information and communications technologies and the environment; Information kits on the implementation of the outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific; Study on a framework of association of regional space industries to support sustainable development.

Subprogramme 6
Transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure development

Table A.17.20 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 221.5	3 459.2	110.0	3.1	3 569.2	101.8	3 671.0
Other staff costs	10.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consultants and experts	-	43.2	(12.5)	(28.9)	30.7	(0.1)	30.6
Travel of staff	52.9	55.0	12.6	22.9	67.6	3.6	71.2
Contractual services	2.7	6.3	0.6	9.5	6.9	(0.1)	6.8
Total	**3 288.0**	**3 563.7**	**110.7**	**3.1**	**3 674.4**	**105.2**	**3 779.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*	*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a) Services in support of:	
-	-	(i) United Nations organizations	-
185.3	208.9	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	242.0
-	-	(b) Substantive activities	-
		(c) Operational projects	
94.7	0.2	UNDP	-
1 572.6	1 671.1	Bilateral and other resources	2 100.0
1 852.6	**1 880.2**		**2 342.0**
5 140.6	**5 443.9**		**6 121.6**

Table A.17.21 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts: Regular budget		Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary		Total	
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	2	2	-	-	9	-	11	2
P-4/3	11	11	-	-	-	1	11	12
P-2/1	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Subtotal	**17**	**17**	**-**	**-**	**9**	**1**	**26**	**18**
General Service								
Other								
Local level	10	12	-	-	3	4	13	16
Subtotal	**10**	**12**	**-**	**-**	**3**	**4**	**13**	**16**
Total	**27**	**29**	**-**	**-**	**12**	**5**	**39**	**34**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.17.34 The amount of $3,569,200, reflecting an increase of $110,000, provides for the posts shown in table A.17.21. The increase of $110,000 is due to the inward redeployment from programme support of two Local-level posts to strengthen the information technology and research support services of the subprogramme.

Consultants and experts

A.17.35 The requirement of $30,700, reflecting a reduction of $12,500, is broken down as follows: (a) $18,000, including an increase of $3,600, for specialized consultancy services not available in the secretariat for the preparation of the *Review of the Developments in Transport, Communications, Tourism and other Infrastructure*; (b) $12,700, including a reduction of $16,100, for the organization of an ad hoc expert group meeting on networking of inland water transport and dredging institutions.

Travel of staff

A.17.36 The requirement of $67,600, reflecting an increase of $12,600, is broken down as follows: (a) attendance at ASEAN Highway Working Group meetings for collaboration and technical advice on the ASEAN Highway Network; the Asian transport-related meetings; APEC Transportation Working Group Meetings; the ASEAN Railway Working Group Meetings, and ASEAN Railway General Managers' Conference; the Euro-Asian Transport Conference; the BIMST-EC Working Group Meetings on Tourism; the ECE meetings on implementation of a joint work programme on development of Euro-Asia landbridges; the IRF, IRU or PIARC conference to enhance cooperation on matters related to the road sector; the FIATA meeting to enhance cooperation on matters related to the development of training programmes; a joint UIC/ESCAP meeting to coordinate common actions in the railway sector; the SPECA Project Working Group Meetings on Transport and

Border Crossing; (b) consultation and coordination with APAA, ASCOBIPS, FASA, and the South Pacific Tourism Organization.

Contractual services

A.17.37 The amount of $6,900, reflecting an increase of $600, provides for the cost of external printing of the *Review of the Developments in Transport, Communications, Tourism and other Infrastructure* and *Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific*.

Subprogramme 7
Statistics

Table A.17.22 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 128.7	2 165.3	55.0	2.5	2 220.3	49.4	2 269.7
Consultants and experts	13.6	17.2	21.8	126.7	39.0	0.1	39.1
Travel of staff	46.6	38.7	11.1	28.6	49.8	2.8	52.6
Contractual services	37.1	36.8	(3.5)	(9.5)	33.3	(0.3)	33.0
Total	**2 226.0**	**2 258.0**	**84.4**	**3.7**	**2 342.4**	**52.0**	**2 394.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*	*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a) Services in support of:	
-	-	(i) United Nations organizations	-
81.0	73.8	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	121.0
-	-	(b) Substantive activities	-
		(c) Operational projects	
153.1	473.7	UNDP	-
637.1	495.2	UNFPA	300.0
229.1	477.7	Bilateral and other resources	350.0
1 100.3	**1 520.4**		**771.0**
3 326.3	**3 778.4**		**3 165.4**

Table A.17.23 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4/3	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	5
P-2/1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Subtotal	**9**	**9**	-	-	-	-	**9**	**9**
General Service								
Other								
Local level	12	13	-	-	2	2	14	15
Subtotal	**12**	**13**	-	-	**2**	**2**	**14**	**15**
Total	**21**	**22**	-	-	**2**	**2**	**23**	**24**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.17.38 The amount of $2,220,300 reflecting an increase of $55,000, provides for the posts shown in table A.17.23. The increase of $55,000 is due to the inward redeployment from programme support of one Local-level post to strengthen the information technology support service of the subprogramme.

Consultants and experts

A.17.39 The requirement of $39,000, reflecting an increase of $21,800, is broken down as follows: (a) $23,900, including an increase of $14,400, to cover consultancy services for the preparation of analytical studies on topics selected for consideration by the Committee on Statistics and the Working Group of Statistical Experts, and preparation of a study on the incorporation of new and emerging topics in the secretariat's statistical dissemination programme; (b) $15,100, including an increase of $7,400 for the organization of the meeting of the Working Group of Statistical Experts.

Travel of staff

A.17.40 The amount of $49,800, reflecting an increase of $11,100, is required for consultation and attendance at meetings/sessions of the Population Census Conference; the South Pacific Commission Conference of Regional Statisticians; the International Statistical Institute; the FAO Asia-Pacific Commission on Agricultural Statistics; the ASEAN Heads of Statistics meetings of the Heads of East Asian National Statistical Offices, the Expert Group on Poverty Statistics (Rio Group); the Expert Group on Informal Sector Statistics (Delhi Group); the United Nations Statistical Commission; the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities; and to provide technical and substantive services for the organization of the Governing Board of SIAP.

Contractual services

A.17.41 The amount of $33,300, reflecting a decrease of $3,500, provides for the cost of external printing of the *Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific*; *Foreign Trade Statistics of Asia and the Pacific*; *Statistical Indicators for Asia and the Pacific*; and *Asia-Pacific in Figures*.

D. Programme support

Table A.17.24 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	18 758.6	20 310.8	(231.8)	(1.1)	20 079.0	246.7	20 325.7
Other staff costs	400.1	687.1	2.6	0.3	689.7	(4.4)	685.3
Consultants and experts	-	-	14.5	-	14.5	(0.1)	14.4
Travel of staff	64.0	46.8	41.1	87.8	87.9	5.0	92.9
Contractual services	234.2	165.3	5.5	3.3	170.8	(1.0)	169.8
General operating expenses	3 187.5	3 215.5	3.1	-	3 218.6	(20.7)	3 197.9
Hospitality	8.5	10.2	0.3	2.9	10.5	(0.2)	10.3
Supplies and materials	589.5	523.2	14.3	2.7	537.5	(3.3)	534.2
Furniture and equipment	1 367.0	982.1	175.2	17.8	1 157.3	2.7	1 160.0
Grants and contributions	-	-	57.7	-	57.7	(0.5)	57.2
Total	**24 609.4**	**25 941.0**	**82.5**	**0.3**	**26 023.5**	**224.2**	**26 247.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*	*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a) Services in support of:	
-	-	(i) United Nations organizations	-
1 423.4	1 393.1	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	1 735.3
-	-	(b) Substantive activities	-
		(c) Operational projects	
71.0	1 200.0	UNDP	-
5 459.3	6 141.1	Bilateral and other resources	5 500.0
6 953.7	**8 734.2**		**7 235.3**
31 563.1	**34 675.2**		**33 483.0**

Table A.17.25 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
D-1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-5	7	7	-	-	-	-	7	7
P-4/3	38	38	1	-	1	2	40	40
P-2/1	8	8	-	-	-	-	8	8
Subtotal	55	55	1		1	2	57	57
Other								
Local level	204	197	1		13	15	218	212
Subtotal	204	197	1		13	15	218	212
Total	259	252	2		14	17	275	269

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.17.42 The amount of $20,079,000, reflecting a decrease of $231,800, provides for the posts shown in table A.17.25. The decrease is the net result of decreases and increases as follows: (a) the redeployment of seven Local-level posts from programme support to various subprogrammes in order to strengthen the information technology support services of these programmes; (b) the delayed impact of the establishment of one temporary P-4 post and one temporary Local-level post in 2000-2001 to provide support for IMIS operations; and (c) the reclassification of the post of Chief, Conference Services Unit, from the P-3 to the P-4 level, to strengthen the management and operations of the Conference Centre. The two temporary IMIS support posts are converted to established posts.

Other staff costs

A.17.43 The amount of $689,700, is required as follows: (a) $205,800 for general temporary assistance during peak workload periods, and temporary replacement of staff on sick leave or maternity leave; (b) $174,500 for overtime and night differential; and (c) $309,400 for contractual services for repairs to personal computers; outside contracting of two drivers, four messengers and one electrician; contracting for security services to supplement the United Nations security officers.

Consultants and experts

A.17.44 The first-time provision of $14,500, is required for consultancy services to assist in the establishment of procedures for systematic evaluation of the programme of work.

Travel of staff

A.17.45 The amount of $87,900, reflecting an increase of $41,100, is required for (a) participation in the inter-agency meeting on Language Arrangements, Documentation and Publications; the Joint Inter-Agency Meeting on Computer-assisted Translation and Terminology; the coordination meeting for conference services managers; the meeting/consultation of heads of administration in New York;

the meetings of UNDP/Regional Commissions Task Force, and the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions; (b) consultations at Headquarters on administrative, financial and personnel matters; and consultations with ESCAP institutes and the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre at Port Vila.

Contractual services

A.17.46 The amount of $170,800, reflecting an increase of $5,500, provides for language training, contractual software support and maintenance services covering the operating system and the system software for the central host computer; contractual design and development of software such as web site, statistical information system database, Intranet, Bibliographic Information System and Workflow under Lotus Notes, which would overtake the current administrative manual-based procedures; upgrading the Statistical Information System to operate under the new releases of its underlying software platform; and design and development of other information support tools.

General operating expenses

A.17.47 The requirement of $3,218,600 is broken down as follows: (a) $945,700 for rental and maintenance of premises; (b) $1,217,900 for utilities (electricity, water, fuel and oil); (c) $21,200 for rental, on an as required basis, of cars/vans during peak-workload periods; (d) $88,000 for maintenance of data-processing equipment, such as uninterruptible power-supply (UPS) systems, LAN servers, Ascom Timeplex equipment and routers; (e) $557,800 for communications (for example, postage, cables, telephone, pouch, Internet connection); (f) $216,200 for maintenance of furniture and equipment, including office equipment, photocopiers, transportation equipment, the ESCAP Meridian 1 private automatic branch exchange (PABX) and the connected UPS system, television/video equipment; (g) $171,800 for miscellaneous services, including bank charges, general insurance for the buildings and freight.

Hospitality

A.17.48 The amount of $10,500, reflecting an increase of $300, relates to official functions extended on behalf of the United Nations to delegations/participants to the annual Commission sessions.

Supplies and materials

A.17.49 The amount of $537,500, reflecting an increase of $14,300, provides for stationery and office supplies; library books and subscriptions and standing orders for periodicals and local newspapers; uniforms; telecommunications equipment supplies; medical/drug supplies and pre-recorded and blank CD-ROMs, DVDs.

Furniture and equipment

A.17.50 The requirement of $1,157,300, reflecting an increase of $175,200, is broken down as follows: (a) $130,600 for replacement of office furniture and equipment; (b) $837,800, for acquisition and replacement of automation equipment and related software; (c) $41,300 for conference-servicing equipment; (d) $41,400 for transportation equipment; (e) $65,700 for communication equipment; and (f) $40,500, for other equipment, including building maintenance, security and safety and medical and firefighting equipment. The increase of $175,200 is due to replacement of office equipment (photocopying machines) and acquisition of automation equipment (servers and network devices, such as external backbone control boxes and switching hubs).

Grants and contributions

A.17.51 The provision of $57,700, represents the ESCAP contribution to the established Inter-Agency Security Plan Arrangements for Thailand.